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## Crucial talks begin to avert strike in BL

LONDON, Oct. 31 (R) — British Leyland (BL) managers met union leaders Saturday in a last-ditch attempt to avert a pay strike which could destroy BL and lead to the loss of up to one million jobs. With the strike due to start at midnight GMT, leaders of the four main unions were locked in talks with a management team led by the BL Chairman, Sir Michael Edwards.

Sir Michael has warned BL's 58,000 manual workers, who plan to strike in support of their demand for a 17.5 percent rise, that he will fire strikers.

Friday, the British government said it would make no 11th hour effort to save the car company from "destruction." There was no word on the results of the last-minute talks.

### Explosion rocks British town

LONDON, Oct. 31 (AFP) — A bomb exploded Saturday morning in Luton, a small town near London, causing property damage but apparently no casualties. Police said the bomb went off near the local football stadium, breaking windows and damaging cars.

No-one has yet claimed responsibility for the explosion. The Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) has admitted carrying out three bombings in London earlier last month that caused three deaths.

A police spokesman said later that the bombing was "a deliberate attempt by someone to cause considerable damage." "If anyone had been passing, they would certainly have been killed or maimed."

early Saturday between the government and unions.

A strike is expected to have drastic repercussions on much of British industry, especially on automotive subcontractors. Hundreds of thousands of employees would be affected.

Leyland management has said that it would close some plants or even liquidate the entire firm if the strike goes ahead.

Earlier, at a meeting with the union leaders, industry secretary Patrick Jenkin refused to intervene in the dispute and turned down an appeal to put pressure on the management to negotiate over its 3.8 percent pay offer.

Informed sources said he left the union leaders in no doubt that if the BL management decided the company was not viable, the government would accept its decision.

Alex Kitson, general secretary of the powerful Transport and General Workers Union, said after the meeting: "There was no new money and it was no good coming back here, the minister told us."

"It is obvious that British Leyland management and the government are going to play brinkmanship right up to the last moment," Kitson said.

Informed sources said Jenkin refused to see the union leaders after talks with Sir Michael and said he would not be around to pick up the pieces if they failed.

He told them various British governments had subsidized BL with a \$3 billion of taxpayers' money since 1975 when the government stepped in to save it from collapse.

The minister said it was up to the BL management to decide whether or not to take up another \$972 million offered by the government.



**SATELLITE VIEW:** This remarkable photo was taken by the Gemini XI satellite from 500 miles (806 kms) and shows Ethiopia and Somalia in northeast Africa. At the lower right, the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden can be seen. This view of part of the Middle East makes the Earth's problems seem remote and gives little indication of man's presence.

## America changes mind on ME plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — The Reagan administration said Friday there are elements "with which we have problems" in Saudi Arabia's peace plan for the Middle East but that it stands ready to talk them over. A day after praising the positive aspects of the plan, the State Department turned to acknowledging the difficulties in the proposal put forward by Crown Prince Fahd on Aug. 24.

Alan Romberg, the deputy State Department spokesman, made clear Friday that the administration doesn't think the plan is adequate as a formula for peace.

Romberg said he didn't want to discuss the plan's individual features. But another official said its call for establishment of a separate Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital clearly cannot be accepted now.

Israel opposes a separate state for Palestinians and claims Jerusalem as its own capital.

"While we welcome certain elements in these principles which underscore Saudi Arabia's dedication to the achievement of peace... including the recognition of the right of all states to live in peace, there are other elements with which we have problems," Romberg said.

The sudden interest in a plan that the United States earlier had dismissed as containing nothing new has raised questions whether the administration is now viewing it as a serious initiative.

President Ronald Reagan praised the Saudi Arabian plan Thursday and Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. said, "there are aspects in the eight-point proposal made by Crown Prince Fahd by which we are encouraged."

Romberg said Friday that while the administration remains committed to the Camp David accords as the framework for peace negotiations, it is "ready to continue our discussions with Saudi Arabia and others."

### Boon to housing

## Fed cuts discount rate to 13%

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board reduced its basic discount rate for borrowing by member banks from 14 percent to 13 percent Friday in the first significant easing of its grip on the United States' credit supply in more than a year.

Spokesman for the hard-pressed housing and auto industries — and even for the Reagan administration, which publicly supports a tight credit policy — have been suggesting such an easing would be welcome.

In the past two months, governors of the Federal Reserve, the United States' central bank, had reduced a surcharge the Fed tacks onto loans made to big and frequent bank members.

But the reduction in the actual discount rate — the basic interest charged member banks — was the first since it began raising the rate in September 1980.

The new action will not by itself allow banks to suddenly make large amounts of credit available to individual Americans or to corporations. But it should at least make a bit more credit available by lowering the banks' borrowing costs.

The current national economic weakness — particularly in the interest-sensitive areas of housing and auto sales — has been largely blamed on record-high interest rates. And

### Mubarak set to visit any Arab state

CAIRO, Oct. 31 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said he is ready to go to any Arab country to settle differences.

"... I am ready to go to Saudi Arabia or any other Arab country to explain the issue and settle our differences if I find an appropriate time to do this," Mubarak said in an interview published Saturday in the weekly magazine *October*.

President Mubarak was quoted as saying he wanted to turn a new page with Arab countries and that the improvement of Egypt's relations with other Arab states was just a matter of time.

Mubarak said that "contrary to various rumors" there had been no secret contacts between Egypt and Saudi Arabia, but that if they opened talks the world would hear about it.

But Mubarak reiterated that he sees no turning back on peace with Israel.

"When we choose peace, we save huge funds spent on arms and ammunition and divert it to building the prosperity and development of the Egyptian people... therefore there is no turning back in peace. This is an indisputable fact on which I don't accept any bargain or argument," he said.

*October* quoted him as saying: "We don't intend to attack any Arab country we have agreed with Israel that the October (1973) War should be the last war between us, so how could it be possible to have a war with an Arab country?"

"I want to assure Libya, and others, that we do not want to fight anybody," said President Mubarak.

### Soviet diplomats arrive

## Sub captain remains silent

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31 (Agencies) — The captain of Soviet Submarine 137 stayed aboard his command vessel Saturday, still refusing to say why it went into a restricted Swedish military zone. The Soviet Union has expressed its regret for the incident in which the submarine ran aground on Tuesday near the Swedish Baltic naval base at Karlskrona. But Sweden says the apology is not enough and continues to demand an explanation.

Swedish Foreign Minister Ola Ullsten claimed a diplomatic success over the Soviet Union's apology Friday night for the intrusion of a submarine into restricted territorial waters.

The regrets were delivered orally to the Swedish foreign affairs cabinet Chief of staff Lief Leifland by the Soviet Ambassador to Stockholm, Mikhail Jakovlev.

"We asked the Soviet authorities to present their regrets, and we obtained them," Ullsten said. "The Soviet gesture showed the USSR's wish to cooperate on this affair."

Other diplomatic sources expressed surprise at the apology, and said it was the first time they recalled a direct Moscow apology to another government.

A senior naval officer boarded the submarine early Saturday but left after several minutes, a Swedish defense staff spokesman said.

The commander of Submarine 137 has said he will not explain his presence unless Soviet diplomats are present and will not leave his craft without orders from Moscow.

The Soviet diplomats have arrived in Karlskrona. However, a Swedish staff officer has said neither they nor any other unauthorized person will be allowed to enter the restricted zone.

But the commander still refused to go

### Countdown begins for Columbia's blast-off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida Oct. 31 (Agencies) — The announcement that the "launch countdown is now in progress," started the U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* into final preparations early Saturday for its first return to space. Heavy rain 24 hours earlier and discovery of a dent in a fuel line proved no hindrance to starting the 73-hour countdown on schedule.

The "call to stations" — a polling of control supervisors — set in motion a sequence of tasks designed to climax in a dawn launch Wednesday. Test conductor Gilbert Whittaker then pronounced the countdown under way.

The flight, to last five days, four hours and 10 minutes, will be the first time in history that a space vehicle has been re-used. *Columbia*'s next flight will be the testing of its ability to remain stable enough for precision instruments to view the Earth's surface, and thus identify land and marine vegetation, pollution sources and other features.

The astronauts, meanwhile, were asleep in Houston, Texas, after a day of rehearsing desert touch-downs at Rogers dry lake in California.

In a Gulfstream II executive jet modified to imitate the controls and handling of the Shuttle, Joe Engle, 49, and Richard Truly, 43, practiced the landing they will make at the end of their five days in orbit.

*Columbia*, mated with the two rockets and the external tank that will fuel it into space, had been buffeted by periodic Florida down-

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test conductor Gilbert H. Whittaker — electricity, conditioned air, gases and propellants began flowing into the shuttle.

In April, launch officials found they had crammed too much work into the final hours, so changes have been made in the schedule to ease the load.

Accordingly, the various explosive devices — used to blow up the craft if it lurches errant off launch toward a populated area — were installed Thursday. Flight crew equipment was put on board on Friday.

Workers installed eight lockers in mid-deck, containing tools, spare batteries for the shuttle space suits, recharge kits for portable oxygen systems and a teleprinter that allows the astronauts to receive hard-copy messages in orbit.

Carrying its first scientific payload and a new two-man crew, the plane-like craft will become the first to fly in space more than once.

Its five-day, 84-orbit mission is the second of four test flights required before a fleet of shuttles begin carrying men and equipment into earth orbit on a regular basis.

Although the mission is a test flight, the *Columbia* will be carrying out seven scientific experiments which will help to demonstrate its potential as an orbiting base for scientific research.

The mission will also include the first orbital test of a Canadian-built mechanical arm which will enable the crew to handle bulky payloads from within their flight cabin.

## Maureen Reagan to run for Senate

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 31 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's oldest daughter, Maureen, will formally announce her candidacy for the U.S. Senate Monday, challenging incumbent S.I. Hayakawa in the Republican Party primary nominating election next June, a campaign aide said Friday.

It will be the first bid for public office by the 40-year-old Ms. Reagan, who has been active in Republican Party activities as a volunteer since 1959.

Ms. Reagan's candidacy is not a surprise. She has been building a campaign organization for months and hinting at a formal announcement.

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### Offshore areas promising

## 7 giant oilfields await tapping

VIENNA, Oct. 31 (R) — Seven "super giant" oilfields, each holding five billion barrels or more, remain to be tapped around the world, according to a study released Friday by the OPEC news agency OPECNA. When developed, these fields would add a total of around 450 billion barrels of oil to the world's current proven reserves of about 650 billion barrels, the agency said, quoting a study by the Italian oil company AGIP.

Better recovery methods and other new technology could add a further 567 billion barrels to total world reserves by the year 2000, adding up to a total of 1,669 billion barrels, AGIP Vice-Chairman Marcello Colitti was quoted as saying.

OPECNA said the study, the full text of which will appear soon in the quarterly *OPEC Review* estimated that seven "super giant" fields remained to be tapped — three in the Middle East and one each in North America,

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# Fahd okays SR50,000 bonus for U graduates

JEDDAH, Oct. 31 — All ministries and government departments in Saudi Arabia have been instructed to pay SR50,000 to every Saudi Arabian national they recruit if he obtained a university degree from the Kingdom or abroad, provided he was a full-time student.

*Al-Bilad* reported Saturday that Crown Prince Fahd approved a recommendation by Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, minister of finance and national economy, that the SR50,000 be paid with retroactive effect from the date on which King Khaled granted this privilege, four months ago.

Aba Al-Khail acted in light of recommendations put to him by a special committee set up to decide on which department should pay the bonus.

# AWACS deal lauded

MANAMA, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Bahraini Foreign Minister Muhammad ibn Mubarak Al-Khalifa expressed his country's great satisfaction over the U.S. Senate's approval to sell the advanced radar planes to Saudi Arabia.

In a statement issued here Saturday, the Bahraini minister reiterated that the growing strength of the Kingdom could be described as the strength of Bahrain and whole Arab nation.

# Abdullah receives diplomats

RIYADH, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah received at his office Saturday Qatari Ambassador Abdul Rahman Hamad Al-Atiyya and representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in the Kingdom, Rafiq Al-Natsha.

Talks with the Qatari ambassador dealt with bilateral relations, while with the Palestinian official, Prince Abdullah discussed recent developments in the region and the relations between the PLO and the Kingdom.

In other news, Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Thunayan received in Jeddah Saturday the ambassadors-designate of West Germany, Sri Lanka and Malta. The new ambassadors, including Hanz Von Stein of West Germany, Muhammad Royal of Sri Lanka and George Saliba of Malta, presented copies of their credentials as their countries' ambassadors to the Kingdom to Thunayan. At a latter date, they will submit their credentials to King Khaled.

# 5 teachers' institutes converted into schools

RIYADH, Oct. 31 (SPA) — The Central Region Girls' Education Directorate has transformed five teachers training institutes in Kharj, Dalam, Washim, Mujama and Harbala into a secondary schools, according to official reports Saturday.

The directorate has directed all graduates of these institutes to teach in primary schools of the Central Region with the aim of Saudizing all personnel in the primary education stage.

In another development, the girls' education directorate has opened 45 primary, nine intermediate and five secondary schools by the beginning of the current academic year. The schools, which began operating at the start of the academic year, were furnished with all necessary equipment to open in time, it was reported.

Meanwhile, Deputy Minister for Political Affairs Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri met Saturday with U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom Richard Murphy. Topics of discussion included issues of mutual interests.

# Taif allocated SR50m extra for asphaltting

JEDDAH, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd has approved the appropriation of an additional SR50 million for the asphaltting of Taif streets, *Al-Bilad* reported Saturday. The municipality has invited tenders for its projects and the bids will be opened within the next few days. The projects will have to be completed within six months, or before the summer season when the ministries move to that resort city, the paper said.

Said Farsi said Saturday that a SR1.2 billion contract for cleaning the city has been awarded to a specialized firm. The company will start implementing the five-year contract within a few months; because it needs a full study of the task before embarking on the job, the mayor added.

The company will be responsible for all cleaning operations, including garbage collection. It will also operate, maintain and supervise the municipality's incinerators, in addition to cleaning the public utilities and house garbage. But it will not be responsible for removing the dust of excavation works.

In other construction developments, the Communications Ministry has begun work on the proposed Jeddah to Medina expressway. The project has been divided into 10 parts and awarded to 10 contractors, according to Ahmad Abdul Ghani, Western Region roads department director, Saturday.

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# Ruling bans companies from bullion speculation

TAIF, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman Al-Solaim Saturday issued an order banning various companies and establishments from playing an intermediary role in bullion speculation in local or foreign markets.

The order also banned their announcement in newspapers with the intention of encouraging the public to take part in it. Furthermore, the companies to be established after the issuance of the order will be banned from undertaking this kind of activity, with the exception of the banks set up in accordance with the Banks Con-

trol Order.

The ministerial order prohibits the registration of any commercial agency in the register of agents and distributors of any foreign company or establishment whose activity includes speculation in precious metals in world markets. The ministry has made it clear that any violation of the order will be considered punishable by law.

In realization of public interest, the ministry urged the merchants to abide by the order, so that it achieves the desired objectives for which it has been framed.

## During seminar

# Aid for handicapped debated

RIYADH, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ghanem, chairman of the Middle East Regional Bureau for the Blind, returned here Saturday. He was on foreign tour during which he attended the West German International Conference for the rehabilitation of the blind and handicapped, the Italian International Conference for the education of blind and the International Seminar for the rehabilitation of the blind organized by the United Nations in Vienna.

Ghanem said he chaired part of the meeting in Germany and submitted a paper on the importance of education and rehabilitation of the blind. He added that the number of blind people have increased during the past few years as a result of accidents and also a lack of vitamins in food, which causes blindness and myopia in emerging countries.

In Vienna, Ghanem said, he was elected vice-chairman of the international seminar and presided over some of its meetings. He

also was elected chairman of the committee working for the manufacture of equipment for the blind. The committee discussed the problems faced by the handicapped on obtaining the equipment, he added.

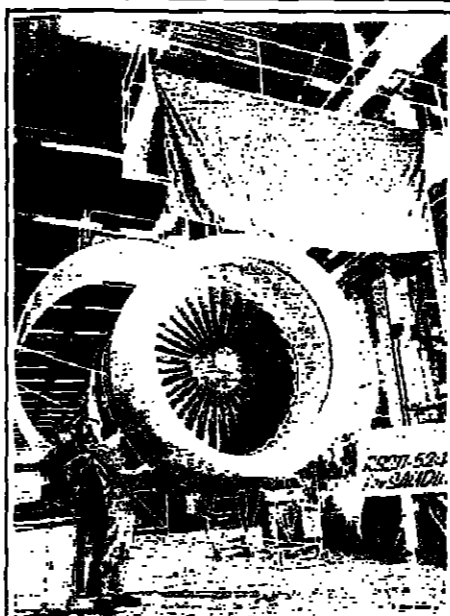
Ghanem said the committee has recommended the mapping of a constructive strategy and a long-term plan for assistance for the handicapped. It has also recommended that the emerging nations be asked to give priority for the rehabilitation and education of the handicapped. The committee has further laid stress on cooperation between the industrialized and emerging nations and on preparing studies to check conditions of handicap in the world. It also urged the opening of rehabilitation centers and schools for the handicapped.

Ghanem said the committee's recommendations would be placed before the U.N. General Assembly for approval and implementation.

# SABIC plans sending more trainees abroad

JEDDAH, Oct. 31 — The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) has enrolled 1,000 of its employees this month in training courses at the Public Administration Institute and other industrial institutes. According to *Al-Madina*'s Saturday the employees will get training in administration, operating and maintenance in preparation for sending them to West Germany, the United States, Japan and the Republic of China. They will receive further training with foreign companies engaged in joint ventures with SABIC for periods ranging between one and three years.

The company has already enrolled 630 of its employees in training courses inside the Kingdom, of whom a large number was sent abroad on similar training missions to Europe, Japan, the U.S. and Taiwan. The moves come under SABIC's plans to improve the qualifications of its personnel in line with the enormous development it anticipates during the next five years when almost all its projects will go on-stream.



THE 100TH: Saudia, the national carrier, became the first foreign customer of Rolls Royce to receive the 100th RB-211-524 engine. Saudia said Saturday that the engine was delivered recently in England for use in its seventh Boeing 747 aircraft. Its other six Jumbos also are equipped with Rolls Royce engines. Picture shows the engine at the manufacturers plant.

# Chatti addresses session Sahel committee begins talks

JEDDAH, Oct. 31 (SPA) — Meetings of a special subcommittee, formed by the Committee for Islamic Solidarity with the Peoples of the Sahel, opened at the Organization of the Islamic Conference headquarters here Saturday. OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti presided over the session.

The three-day meeting will discuss the technical, economic and development related aspects in channeling the emergency relief aid called for by the Islamic Foreign Ministers' conference of Baghdad in June. The assistance, totaling \$210 million, was committed for the African Sahel countries which include Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Upper Volta, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Chad.

Chatti thanked the Kingdom in his inaugural speech for a favorable response to a request for transferring 15 percent of the contributions for development projects to food aid. He also stressed the need to process the

assistance to the drought-stricken countries as early as possible. The OIC Secretariat General has prepared a memorandum for the implementation of the committee resolutions. It was submitted to the meeting and discussed Saturday.

Mali Foreign Minister Blundig Bay, representing President Moussa Traore who is the current president of the Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel, stressed the importance of the Third Islamic Summit's decision to help the people of the region. This decision formed a turning point in promoting solidarity with the Muslim peoples of the Sahel region, he said.

"The decision proved to the African Sahel people that Islamic solidarity is a tangible thing and not only banners," he added. He called on the subcommittee to do its utmost and reach practical decisions to direct the assistance to the beneficiaries.

## BRIEFS

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Over 667,000 pilgrims left the country by the end of Friday, according to Ibrahim Al-Sadhan, assistant deputy minister for passports and civil status. Saturday. The majority of them, nearly half a million left by air followed by 159,000 by land, and 23,000 by sea.

MAKKAH, (SPA) — The Muslim World League will provide the Muslims of Vietnam and Cambodia with aid including teachers of religion, doctors and financial assistance to build mosque. It will also study the possibility of translating the Quran into the local language. It was stated here Saturday.

RIYADH, (SPA) — A seminar of library science in the Arab world will open Saturday here under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, it was announced here Saturday. The week-long seminar will be attended by a number of library scientists from different Arab countries.

HAFR EL BATIN, (SPA) — A SR24 million contract was awarded to a national firm

for permanent asphalt and illuminating of some streets in the town. Hafir el Batin Mayor Abdul Aziz Osman Al-Shabanah said Saturday that the municipality will hand over the work site to the concerned company soon.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Posts Director General Samir Banaja signed Saturday a contract with the Saudi Arabian Consulting House for preparing studies and designs for, a posted office a regional building and a training center for employees in each of Medina, Abba and Sikaka.

JEDDAH, — China Airlines will start operating Boeing 747-SP on their Jeddah-Taipie run with effect from next week, a company spokesman, said here Saturday. It will also reduce the frequency of the flights from three to two a week — Tuesday's and Thursday's — because of the increased capacity of the Jumbo jets.

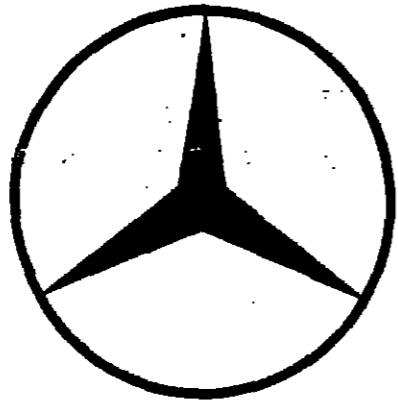
JEDDAH, — The first Arab senior vice-president and regional director of Sheraton Middle East, Sami Zoghbi, is due to arrive Sunday here on a tour of the chain's hotels in the Kingdom.

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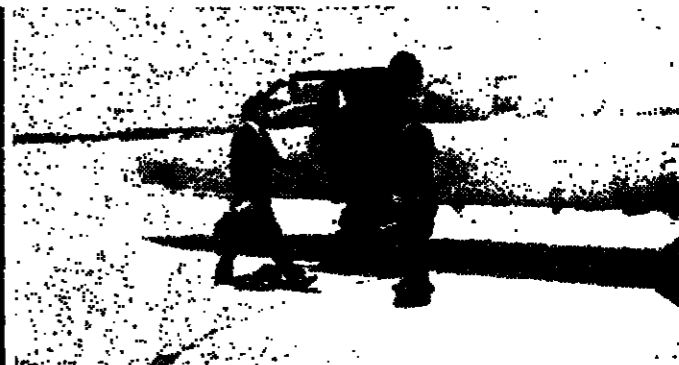
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# Tunisians go to polls today

TUNIS, Oct. 31 (R) — Over two million Tunisians are being urged to vote Sunday to choose 136 members of parliament in the country's first multiparty elections since it achieved independence from France over 25 years ago.

The ruling National Front is expected to win the elections easily, but both pro-government and opposition circles say they consider the vote will test the government's

sincerity in its expressed desire for change.

The move to democratize politics in Tunisia was announced last April by President Habib Bourguiba at a congress of the Socialist Destour (constitution) Party (PSD), which has been in office since independence. The National Front is made up of the PSD and the UGTT labor federation.

Since then a 20-year-old ban on the Communist Party (PCT) has been lifted. The

Socialist Democrat Movement (MDS) and People's Unity Movement (MUP) are also contesting the election, but they must obtain at least five percent of the vote to be officially recognized as parties.

The four parties are fielding a total of 365 candidates in 23 constituencies. For the first time, a wide range of newspapers, radio broadcasts, meetings, and posters have been allowed in the campaign.

## Arrives in Washington tonight

# Hussein to discuss arms deal with Reagan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan, concerned about possible Soviet arms sales to Jordan, will confer next week with King Hussein about supplying Jordan with new weapons.

Hussein, who will arrive in Washington Sunday evening, will meet with Reagan at the White House Monday and Tuesday, his first sessions with the president. Later in the visit, the monarch will witness the firing of improved Hawk missiles at Fort Bliss in Texas.

A senior administration official said that discussions have been held with the Jordanians about the purchase of such weapons, but, he said, "This is not a shopping-list visit by Hussein."

Jordan's reluctance to join the Camp David peace process was a sore point in relations between the United States and Jordan during the Carter administration. The Jordanians have refused to take part in current talks involving Israel, Egypt and the United

States.

Senior Reagan administration officials who spoke to reporters under ground rules that prohibited further identification said they hoped that progress on talks intended to establish Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank of the Jordan River would attract the support of Arab states other than Egypt.

"We are fully aware that King Hussein has not accepted the Camp David accords," said one official. "We would not expect that at the end of this visit he would have his name on the line (of the agreement)." But, said another official, the meetings will be held "to underscore to the king our determination to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East and to express our desire to cooperate with Jordan."

The discussion of arms for Jordan comes on the heels of Reagan's victory Wednesday in stopping the Senate from disapproving the sale of five Airborne Warning and Control System Airplanes (AWACS) to Saudi

Arabia. The official said that the Senate vote improved the climate for the Hussein visit.

The administration officials said that Jordan has been having discussions with Moscow leaders about the possible purchase of Soviet arms.

"There could be problems with the introduction of Soviet weaponry in another country in the Middle East," one official said. Libya is the major recipient of Soviet arms in the Middle East. Moscow also sends weapons to South Yemen, and has supplied Iraq.

The officials said talks within the U.S.-Jordanian Joint Military Commission here and in Amman have dealt in the past six months with Jordan's overall defense requirements, although some talks have focused on air defenses.

In addition to conferring with Reagan, Hussein will have lunch with Secretary of State Alexander Haig and attend a state dinner in his honor. He will also meet with Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

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**Kenyan president says**

**Libya agrees to Chad withdrawal**

NAIROBI, Oct. 31 (AFP) — Libya has agreed to withdraw its troops from Chad as soon as a neutral pan-African peacekeeping force is in that country, Kenyan President Daniel Moi has said. Moi, who is also president of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), said Friday that such a peacekeeping force would soon arrive in Chad.

A pan-African force could not attack the Libyan troops in Chad as Libya has agreed to a troop withdrawal, Moi said at Kitale near the Ugandan border, the Kenyan news agency reported. He said a number of countries, including Algeria, have agreed to contribute troops to a peacekeeping force for Chad.

In Ndjamena, Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei said Saturday he was convinced that the Libyan troops would leave his country "without any problem" or "unfortunate incidents". "I am convinced that Colonel Qaddafi is going to respect his word of honor," Goukouni said, noting that Libya had repeatedly said its troops would leave the country whenever the Chadian government wanted.

"Its task of assuring Chadian security has been accomplished," the president told

reporters. "I believe that Libya can gallantly withdraw from our territory with its head high."

Goukouni asked the Libyans 11 months ago to help put down a rebellion led by former Defense Minister Hissen Habre, which had caused a bloody and devastating civil war.

On Thursday the Chadian government called for the total withdrawal of the Libyan troops from Chadian territory by the end of the year. Goukouni said Saturday that his demand was not linked with France's offer of logistical assistance to Chad, but that such aid would be welcome. "We need arms and munitions to equip our army," he said.

**Saleh, Assad hold talks**

DAMASCUS, Oct. 31 (R) — Visiting North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh conferred with Syrian President Hafez Assad Saturday.

No announcement was made on the nature of discussions, but they were believed to have dealt with bilateral relations and the Middle East situation.

**U.S. support for Israel blocks peace, China says**

PEKING, Oct. 31 (AP) — The United States and Soviet Union are "locked in a new round of rivalry" in the Middle East following the death of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, China has said. The official Xinhua news agency, in a Cairo dispatch Friday criticized U.S. support of Israel as a stumbling block to peace.

It said some Americans in Egypt believe that the United States must make a determined effort to solve the Palestinian problem, "the crux of the Arab-Israeli conflict." Otherwise, it said, "the United States can hardly hope to have better relations with the Arab countries and successfully counter the Soviet push southward."

It said Washington says it wants progress in Palestinian autonomy talks but "has refrained from applying pressure on Israel and its partiality remains unchanged."

**Pakistan assures India**

**Peace offer made 'in good faith'**

NEW DELHI, Oct. 31 (AP) — Pakistani Foreign Secretary Riaz Piracha voiced hope Saturday that India will accept his country's proposal for a no-war pact between the two neighboring nations.

Talking to reporters at New Delhi Airport after his arrival on an overnight stopover in India, Piracha, the second ranking Pakistani foreign ministry official, said the peace pact offer had been made "in good faith...because of the existing circumstances" and, therefore

deserved serious consideration. Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on Thursday said Pakistan's offer of a no-war pact raised suspicions because of that country's acceptance of highly sophisticated weapons from the United States.

Mrs. Gandhi told a conference of Indian Air Force commanders that a peace pact had been repeatedly proposed by India in the 1950s and 60s but the offers were "spurned and ridiculed" by Pakistan.

**Autonomy talks resume Nov. 11**

CAIRO, Oct. 31 (R) — Egypt and Israel will resume negotiations on Palestinian autonomy in Cairo on Nov. 11, the Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali said Saturday. Ghali told reporters

Israel had proposed the new date and Egypt had approved it provided it was agreeable to the U.S., third party to the talks.

The negotiations, to be held at ministerial level, were originally scheduled for Nov. 4.

**BRIEFS**

DACCA, (AFP) — Five persons were killed and 10 others were wounded, seven seriously, when an election campaign procession came under automatic weapons fire from unidentified attackers in southwestern Bangladesh Friday afternoon, the official BSS news agency reported.

here, whose staff here evacuated to Damascus last week, is to reopen, Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Boutros said Friday.

DACCA, (AFP) — Phani Bhushan Majumder, a leader of the leading opposition party Awami League and a former minister under Sheikh Mujib's cabinet, died here early Saturday after a prolonged illness, the official agency BSS reported.

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**Iran premier to organize economy**

TEHRAN, Oct. 31 (AFP) — Prime Minister Mir Hussein Mussavi said Saturday that the government planned to coordinate Iran's various economic and social programs to steer the country toward "a planned economy." In an interview in the *Islamic Republic* newspaper, Mussavi said: "The organization of the plan and the budget must become more active."

existing programs, he said, adding: "At present, good programs are being carried out, but they are not linked, so we want to orient ourselves toward a planned economy."

Since his confirmation as prime minister by parliament Friday, Mussavi, the outgoing foreign minister, has made several statements indicating a certain moderation and pragmatism in his approach to the economy.

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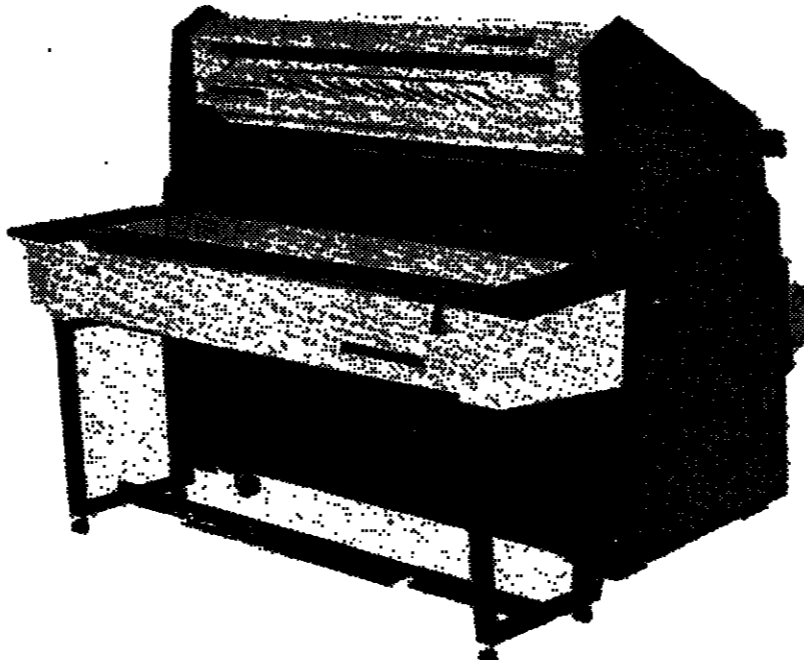
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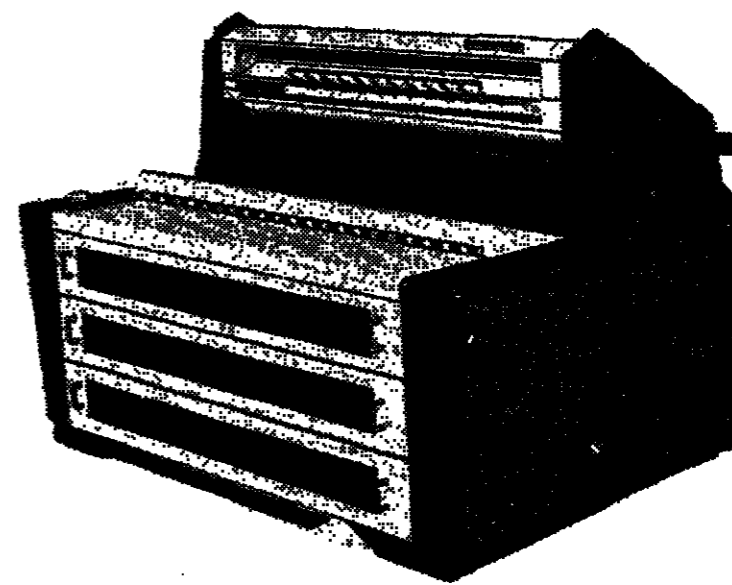
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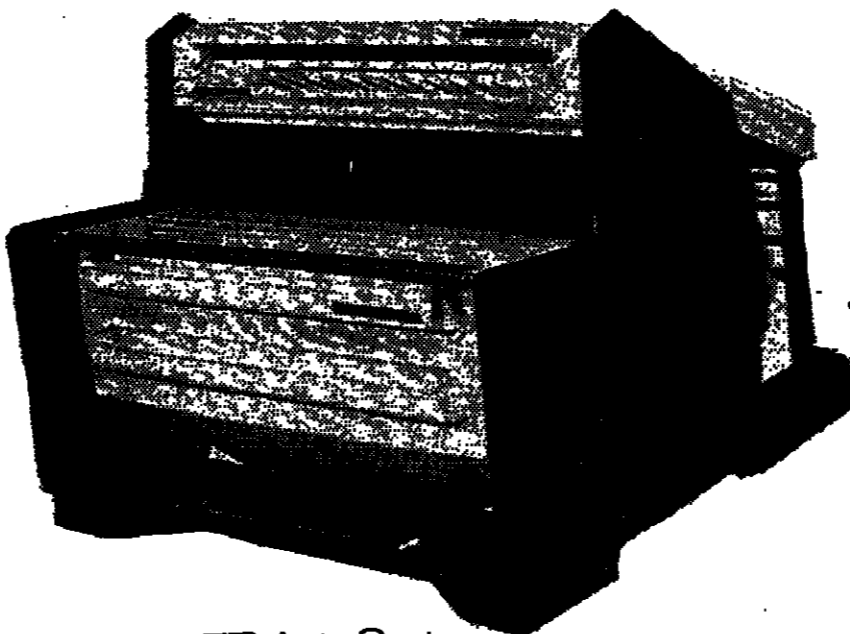
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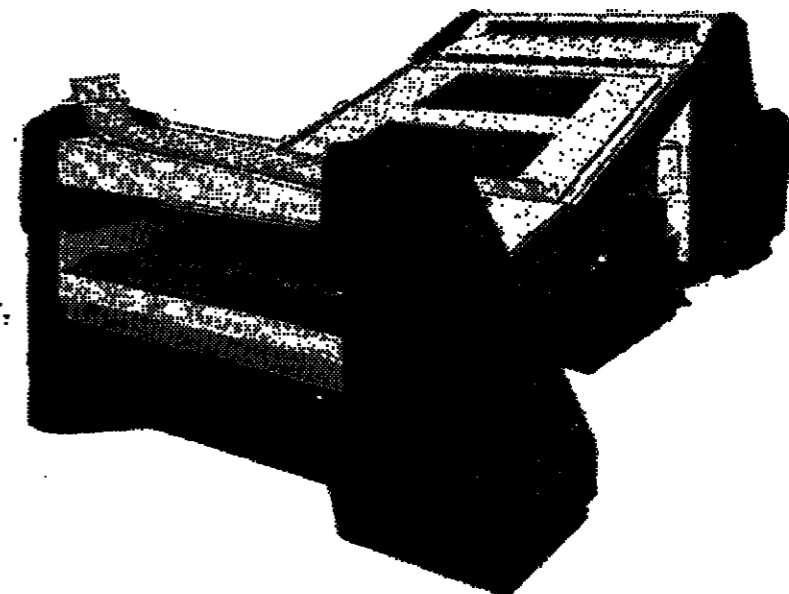
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Botha, businessmen set for clash over reforms

By Peter Gregson

**JOHANNESBURG** — A clash between Prime Minister P. W. Botha and big business appears imminent over unfulfilled hopes of reforms of South Africa's tough race policies. Almost two years ago Botha moved to heal a 30-year-old breach between his ruling National Party (NP) and the South African business community by meeting 250 top industrialists in a Johannesburg hotel.

It was a rare step for a Nationalist prime minister, for the largely rural, overwhelmingly Afrikaans-speaking Nationalists and the predominantly urban, English-speaking business community have regarded each other with mutual suspicion since the NP gained power in 1948 and began to create the structure of apartheid (racial segregation).

Now Botha is to hold another meeting this month with about 600 of the most influential businessmen — including blacks — in Cape Town's civic center.

But Botha will find the gathering very different from the November, 1979, meeting. The conference two years ago was called amid almost euphoric hopes of rapid social change, raised by a number of speeches by Botha in which he made some of the most liberal statements ever uttered by a Nationalist leader. Many businessmen who attended the Johannesburg conference regarded it as a move by Botha to enlist their cooperation and support to help bring about meaningful change.

They responded enthusiastically. The scrapping of cumbersome labor laws, improved education and training prospects for blacks and trimming of the country's top-heavy bureaucracy would all be good for business and were all expected to be among the first moves made by the government. But since that conference there has been little in the way of reform. Botha has faced stiff opposition within his party and government from right wingers determined to halt any lowering of apartheid barriers.

"P.W. Botha is bogged down, trapped by currents within the party and unable to act as many people feel he has committed himself to do," a senior Afrikaans government adviser explained privately.

The result has been deep disillusionment within the business community that is seriously short of skilled labor and facing a sharply lower growth rate next year.

Many business leaders have made clear they intend to express this disillusionment to Botha on Nov. 12. So seriously does the business community at large feel Botha must act on reform that three of its most powerful industrialists arranged to see the prime minister this week. The meeting was postponed at short notice. Botha's heavy schedule being cited as the reason, after news of the meeting was leaked to the press.

The three-man business delegation represented powerful interests. Its members were Mike Rosholt, chairman of Barlows, South Africa's largest industrial conglomerate; Chris Saundaga, chairman of the multimillion Rand Tongaat sugar company; and Kemeels Human, managing director of Federale Volksbeleggings, the country's most influential Afrikaans financial group.

Rosholt, who maintains a low profile on political issues, is particularly concerned about education — a topic expected to be central at this month's Cape Town meeting with Botha. An official commission report in September which recommended equality of education for all race groups drew a lukewarm response from the government.

In an interview earlier this year, Rosholt said: "If there is one single factor which is going to make (growth) difficult, if not impossible to achieve, it will be the lack of adequately trained manpower. We have to get the basic education and training of all workers right — black and white."

The powerful voice of Anglo American, the giant gold and diamond corporation, was also heard last week when its chairman, Harry Oppenheimer, said in London: "I fully accept the (South African) government's goodwill... but it is extremely important that they should move rapidly. Nothing is more dangerous in a time of change such as we have at present than reform which gives the impression of being half-hearted."

Oppenheimer is only one of many South African businessmen who are beginning to speak out on the need for economic expansion to create jobs and meet the aspirations of the voteless black majority. Only a few days earlier, also in London, Oppenheimer's deputy, Gavin Reilly, said the government should "choose the uncertain dangers of reform rather than the absolutely certain dangers of doing nothing."

He added: "The country will have to accept that if we are to achieve the growth rate which on economic grounds is required to sustain a relatively stable society, the advance of black people in business and industry will have to be at the total expense of the tattered remnants of apartheid."

South African businessmen argue that in order to keep the country stable, and particularly to satisfy its black population, Botha needs a strong, growing economy and to get that he needs the private sector on his side. Following the boom period for the South African economy over the past two years, they feel they have provided cooperation and support for change and believe it is now up to Botha on his side to make a move — especially following a warning by Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock this week that the economy was in for a stormy time next year.

Human declared in a recent interview: "... In a country like ours with an inter-racial situation and different political nuances, it is useless to look at profits if your business is going to be ruined in five years' time, or there is no market increase because people are not developing and producing and do not get sufficient incomes."

Botha is expected to hear many similar comments during his Cape Town talks with business leaders this month. (R)



Soviet Union gaining toehold in Iran

By Nicolas B. Tatro

**BEIRUT** — The Soviet Union appears to be gradually gaining a toehold in Iran thanks mainly to an economic policy that allows the Iranian regime to barter oil for technology. In the early days of the revolution that toppled the Shah in February 1979, the Islamic revolutionaries equated the Communists in Moscow with the capitalists in the West and labeled both as "satans."

Since then, however, the clergy-led government appears to have moderated its attacks on the Soviet neighbors and for this reason the level of trade has increased with Eastern countries," he added. Zadeh estimated that exports to the Soviet Union

had risen by at least 25 percent since the Islamic republic was proclaimed in April 1979. Goods traded with the Soviets include oil, raisins and pistachios for which Iran gets machinery, chemicals, wood and cotton seeds.

Iranian customs figures cited by the weekly economic news service *Nasir* in Beirut, published in Beirut, showed that in the first half of 1981 goods entering Iran from the Soviet Union accounted for more than 20 percent of total imports and were valued at \$1.4 billion.

The weekly said Iran's exchanges with the East bloc soared as trade with the West declined in the past two years and that this was reflected in an 84 percent rise in the value of imports through the country's four Caspian ports in the first half of this year.

The warming relations have also been demonstrated by travel patterns of official delegations. Iran's housing minister, Muhammad Shehab Ghasseini, visited Moscow earlier last month while a delegation of Soviet Mideast experts arrived in Tehran to study the Iranian revolution. The growing ties have been accompanied by a lessening of the war of words against the Soviets and East bloc nations even though Iran maintains a policy of "neither East nor West."

In a policy statement this fall, Iran's undersecretary for economic affairs at the foreign ministry, Ahmad Azizi, said that even though state policy condemned trade with both superpowers, Iran favored trade with East bloc nations because they

were "rational and reasonable." He also indicated the pattern of increasing trade with the Soviets would continue.

In an interview with *Newsweek* magazine a few weeks ago, Hossein Musavi — then the foreign minister and now the prime minister — explained that "the important point — is that we do not witness any animosity from the Soviet Union."

The ambivalence of the Iranian clergy is reflected in the government's attitude to the Moscow-line Tudeh Communist Party, which is officially tolerated but not allowed into the government.

Iran also has maintained close political ties with Soviet friends in the Mideast such as Libya and Syria. The central question now appears to be whether these attachments plus the economic ties with the East bloc will eventually translate into alignment with Moscow.

During World Wars I and II Russian troops occupied Iran with the British, and at the Tehran conference in 1943 they joined the United States in guaranteeing the country's integrity and independence.

But the Kremlin was angry because the Iranians refused to grant oil concessions, and in 1945 Soviet forces fomented a revolt in the north and set up Soviet-controlled "people's republics" among the Azerbaidjani and Kurds. The Soviets withdrew in May 1946 after getting a promise of oil concessions, but later that year Iran's parliament rejected the oil deal and Iranian forces crushed the Soviet-supported regimes in the north. — (AP)

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U.N. STALEMATE

There is something quite odd about the current deadlock over the election of a secretary general for the United Nations. First, Kurt Waldheim is seeking an unprecedented third term. Second, the African group, supported by China and some Asian members are supporting the foreign minister of Tanzania Salem Ahmad Salem, a young and brilliant diplomat who has established a good reputation for statesmanship. Third, the fate of the secretary general can be sealed by one veto cast by a permanent member of the Security Council. The other 159 members of the U.N. General Assembly are not really responsible or empowered to influence this election. They can, if they want, bless it by a two-thirds majority later on.

The U.S. has vetoed Salem. China vetoed Waldheim and the Soviet Union and Britain abstained which means that they like neither candidate. So there is a stalemate which may be broken by voting on a third candidate. Tunisian efforts to propose its own man will certainly be vetoed by its friend, the U.S. who would faint before seeing an Arab in the post of secretary general. If the U.S. cannot accept an African in the chair, how will it even consider an Arab albeit from a friendly country like Tunisia?

It may be remembered that the U.S. has not forgiven Salem for the day he danced with joy in the General Assembly aisle when China was admitted into the world body. The press called him the dancing diplomat and the U.S. government said then that representatives who showed excessive jubilation were noted. China, of course, remembered his outburst of happiness and voted in his favor.

So something personal has entered into the behavior of both the U.S. and China because somebody danced some years ago.

Apart from that, the position and power of the Security Council belong to another age, long gone by. They belonged to the days when Britain ruled the waves, and the U.S. and the Soviet Union emerged from the war as the new superpowers. They still are, although the other members now have much diminished influence worldwide.

This calls for a fresh review of the rules and procedures of the U.N. with greater powers being transferred to the General Assembly where the world is more accurately represented. At present the sweeping majority of the member states are playing second fiddle to the tiny minority in the Security Council.

Saudi Arabian press review

Saturday's newspapers commented on President Reagan's fierce battle in the Senate to win the AWACS deal with the Kingdom and on the efforts underway by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to unify oil prices.

Osaz described President Reagan's personal interest and his fierce battle against the Zionist lobby for the successful passage of the AWACS deal in the U.S. Senate, as a major accomplishment of the administration for the opening of a new era of healthy and constructive relations between the U.S. and the Kingdom.

The paper felt the U.S. administration's pledge to provide the AWACS and additional equipment for F-15 fighters shows for the first time that the U.S. administration has finally freed itself from undue and irrational Zionist influence that prevailed during the past years in its policies toward faithful Arab issues.

"The Kingdom's acquiring of the AWACS in accordance with the conditions based on the principles of national integrity and security can be termed as a victory or the Kingdom's diplomatic strategy on the issue," the paper said.

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Zimbabwe viewed as model for Namibia

By John Edlin

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progress.

They have also conferred on the plan with leaders of the South-West African People's Organization, the guerrilla army fighting a 15-year war against the South African government in Namibia, and the Marxist government in Angola — SWAPO's main base.

Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos said the plan could lead to a ceasefire, and SWAPO President Sam Nujoma agreed to sign a ceasefire with South Africans as a prelude to elections slated for next year and independence the year after. But the 11-party white-led Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, SWAPO's biggest challenger, expressed disappointment at the proposals and declared it could not support moves to end South African rule unless basic constitutional issues were first resolved.

The plan provides for an American-style constitution with a bill of human rights, evidently to protect minorities in the land of 1.1 million whites and 900,000 blacks. But unlike the British-drafted constitution for Zimbabwe it includes no specific safeguards for whites and no guaranteed white representation in parliament.

Most observers believe SWAPO will win elections but may not be able to muster the two-thirds parliamentary majority needed to rewrite the constitution.

In Zimbabwe, Prime Minister Mugabe has often publicly regretted approving constitutional guarantees of 20 reserved seats for whites, less than four percent of the 7.4 million inhabitants, in the 100-member executive national assembly. With his 57-seat majority Mugabe can get new laws passed

and old ones amended, but the whites can easily block constitutional changes requiring a unanimous vote.

Mugabe has expressed support for the Namibia independence plan which, he believes, can lead to the sort of peace and stability enjoyed in Zimbabwe today.

There are some striking parallels between Zimbabwe and Namibia:

— Previous white Rhodesian rulers labeled Mugabe as a Marxist terrorist murderer — much the same picture the South Africans paint of Nujoma. But Mugabe at independence announced a policy of reconciliation between the races, and most whites have remained in the country.

— Mugabe, like Nujoma, was an avowed Marxist whose guerrillas were armed, supplied and often trained by the East bloc — mainly by China — while Nujoma is supported largely by the Soviet Union. But Mugabe has softened his political doctrine, encouraged capitalism and steered a neutral course in world affairs.

— Zimbabwe, like Namibia, is economically linked to South Africa and dependent on whites who run most factories, farms, mines and businesses and who hold key posts in the security forces and public service; but Mugabe has loosened some trade and transport links with his hostile southern neighbor, and blacks are percolating through the top rungs of the private sector and civil administration.

— Zimbabwe is the only real model for South-West Africa to draw optimism from," a Western diplomat who requested anonymity told the Associated Press. — (AP)

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# Young Arab artist developed style from roots, tradition

By Raana Siddiqi

JEDDAH — A philosophy graduate, an art historian a research student, but above all an artist, Ms. Wasma Khalid al-Chorbachi will publicly display a selection of her paintings and porcelain from November 5 at the Redec art gallery.

In an interview with *Arab News*, she spoke about her interest in art which she calls "her life" and years of hard work and research before she developed and matured her individualistic style of expression. When asked about her nationality, Ms. al-Chorbachi replied without hesitation "I am an Arab" — and that was that, no two ways about it. This strong ethnic identity coupled with the Islamic heritage have become the hallmark of all of Wasma's artistic expressions.

Haifa bint Fahd al-Sudairi, who is hosting Wasma's current visit to the Kingdom, and herself an art historian stated in the same interview "I feel that Wasma's work explains Arab and Islamic ideology it is something special and fits well in our part of the world and people should get a chance to see it." Ms. Chorbachi who has been busy working on her doctorate on Islamic art and Near East languages at Harvard University, and at the same time doing advanced academic research on History of Islamic art and Islamic science was finally persuaded by her friend to take time off to come to Jeddah and exhibit some thirty of her beautiful silk paintings and a few porcelain plates.

Ms. Chorbachi's paintings on pure silk are a study in rhythmic grace and harmonious mingling of geometric designs with calligraphic artistry. She seems to be partial to blue and green colors which present an arresting background for stylized calligraphy in many of her paintings.

"I am most at ease with blue and green," says Wasma, "these colors of paradise, water and heaven flow in my works without hesitation." She develops and mixes her own dyes to paint on white silk with large and soft rabbit hair brushes. Some Batik technique is involved where wax is used for contour and design separation in most of her paintings.

Wasma has spent years studying Islamic art and art history in order to understand it better and to project it in her paintings that could be identified as Arab and Muslim created by a Muslim.

Her art education started during her childhood years in Baghdad. She later studied in Beirut and went to Florence, the art capital of Europe, for her graduate work. She speaks candidly of those years when she was being educated in the western style and produced paintings to comply with western techniques in which her work had to be judged and criti-

cized. At the same time, to satisfy herself or to give as gifts, she created paintings in a completely diverse style, these were more akin to her own heritage and identity.

"I came to a realization at that stage that two things were happening to me," she said. "On one hand, I was trying to reflect my own identity in pieces that I did for gifts and my own satisfaction and these had local and Islamic elements, linear and geometric designs, strong colors, and calligraphic greetings. On the other hand I was painting pictures that were assigned to me by my professors and I had to work within the framework of accepted Western art styles. I felt that more and more I was being moulded into a completely Western schooling and art tradition."

Wasma recalls a traumatic period when she was torn between what she wished to paint and what she was expected to paint. By 1967-68, she had already exhibited her work on several occasions and was highly acclaimed by critics. She was also ready to put on display 80 of her oil paintings, most of which expressed social and political issues confronting the Arabs at that time, but at the last minute decided against this exhibition.

The reason for this decision was, according to Wasma "in terms of contents, these paintings reflected what was going on in the Arab and Muslim world but in terms of visual language and artistic tradition, it could fit in any European scene without anyone realizing that it was done by an Arab. It was a trauma to face what was happening to me. I felt as if I was losing my identity and was another being."

It was at this time she decided to put away all those paintings and get into the business of teaching herself about the Islamic art and cultural heritage, and not to hold and Wasma is not against the teaching of Western styles but that it should not be allowed to "step over and to cover and hide our own identity and being." Her friend Haifa agrees with these thoughts and added "our artists have to teach themselves about our own heritage, otherwise influenced by Western artists they will reflect Arab scenes only through Western style."

Ms. Chorbachi has for the past fifteen years been studying in great depth Islamic art and art history. At the same time she is developing an art style uniquely her own though mirroring Islamic and Arab traditions. She is at the moment doing research on relationship between science and art in Islamic civilization. She is also documenting the manuscripts to understand the level of scientific sophistication and the approach to design and its other aspects. Wasma feels that although her

research started to help in art but both are important to her "because without the one the other cannot survive. My research leads me to understand Islamic designs and approach of the 13th and 14th centuries and even the 9th Century."

Haifa feels that "research sets the basics and it comes out in Wasma's paintings unconsciously." The artist herself agrees, "yes, it does pour out of me often unconsciously because I have been involved in it for so many years and for me the things, academics and painting, will always go together."

It must be the depth of understanding of the subject matter and techniques together with a natural talent and creativity that Wasma has become a master of the techniques employed by the artisans in the mosques, colorful tiles and beautiful murals of many centuries past. Looking at one of her large panels in hues of blues and greens where endless numbers of patterns have been derived from one basic shape — that of an eight pointed star, a motif common in Islamic designs. A calligraphic design around which the numerous star patterns revolve makes it infinitely interesting. In some of her paintings, calligraphy is more prominent like the one where "Bismillah" holds central place and seems to float in a blue green sea.

Missing in her paintings are human forms and figures and use of canvas and oil paints because, "These are alien to our style and technique." She says, "I have completely broken away from canvas and oil paint styles because I feel it limits one's creative imagination besides being very Western. I tried acrylics but found them 'very plastic'. She goes on to say "In Islamic art, work and medium is more authentic and natural. I use natural silk material, often satin silk and my own dyes. These to me reflect more aesthetic tradition and beauty."

At the Jeddah exhibition, some of Wasma's porcelain plates will also be on display. She has been creating porcelain work since she was fourteen years of age. Here again the inspiration comes from Islamic and Arab tradition and heritage. She has also made ceramic tiles and murals but these will not be on display at the forthcoming exhibit.

Wasma feels that there has been a gap in the Islamic art and the need to revive Muslim art is felt in all Muslim countries, but a lot more effort is needed on the part of artists and governments to revive the Islamic artistic tradition. "I truly believe," says Ms. Chorbachi "that a conscious effort has been made on the part of most Muslim governments in terms of scholarship, support, and patronage of local art and artists and art spaces throughout the Arab and Muslim world will hopefully project our own rich heritage and tradition."



SILK PAINTING: Done on pure silk, Wasma Khalid al-Chorbachi paints designs of rhythmic grace and a harmonious mingling of geometric designs with calligraphic artistry.

# Medfly pest is removed naturally

By Richard Boudreaux

METAPA, Mexico, (AP) — Mexican scientists, victors in a four-year battle against the Mediterranean fruit fly, are trying to eliminate the pest from all of North America in a chemical-free campaign using the insect itself. At a laboratory in this town on the Guatemalan border, 500 million Medflies a week are sterilized with zaps of radiation and let loose over Mexico, Guatemala and California to sabotage their species breeding patterns.

"There is no reason why this pest, which is not native to our part of the world, cannot be driven all the way across the Panama canal," said Carlos Fredericksdorf, 30, who lives and works here at the world's biggest fly farm.

He and other biological warriors here are among Mexico's best young agronomists and biologists. Recruited from universities, they are conspicuous around town in shirts emblazoned with an oversized fly, emblem of the \$17 million "Moscamed" (Spanish for Medfly) eradication program financed by the U.S. and Mexican governments.

Their enemy is the destructive little fly that breeds 10 generations a year, slips with ease across vast oceans and lays eggs under the skin of some 200 kinds of produce that eventually wither and die.

It has raised havoc with California farmers who are spraying the pesticide malathion to try to eliminate it. The Medfly is a major threat to the state's multi-billion dollar fruit crop.

Originally from Africa, the Medfly reached Central America in 1955 and spread through the coffee belt there, living off the coffee bean's fruity skin. Because the pest did not destroy the bean — or either of the region's other money crops, cotton and bananas — governments ignored it.

But when the Medfly infested Mexico's southern Chiapas state in 1977, it threatened a \$1.5 billion fruit industry to the north. Three years of aerial spraying with malathion stopped the advance, and a continuing mop-up operation with sterile flies has virtually eliminated it.

All 103 fertile flies trapped in Mexico this year were within a few miles of heavily infested Guatemala, and none has turned up since Aug. 2.

Patrick Patton, the 29-year-old coordinator of Mexico's Medfly program, said the sterile fly technique "works only if an infestation is so low that the laboratory-bred fly overwhelms its cousins by a ratio of 100 or more to 1."

"We were sending 122 million sterile flies a week to California, but the infestation there was just too high," Patton said. The shipments stopped in July, with the start of aerial spraying in California, and are expected to resume when the fertile population there is low enough to be added.

The Mexican government's plan to spray here met some public opposition but nothing like the outcry in California, where malathion is still raining on densely populated areas infested by the Medfly. The aerial insecticide campaign has about two weeks left to run.

"When the pest invaded Mexico, we had to attack and there was no time to inform the public," said fly lab director Arturo Schwarz, 26. "Now we have a campaign to thank the people of Chiapas, on behalf of the whole republic, for their cooperation in stopping the Medfly."

One Mexican study of the malathion, which ended last year, showed it was unrelated to coffee crop damage in the area. Another study found no ill effect on locally grown food, but the U.S. Agriculture Department called the sampling inadequate.

In Central America, where the fly is out of control, the human obstacles are greater. Patton is plotting a military-like offensive within a 1,000-mile (1,600km) long isthmus that he says could take 10 years.

But in Guatemala, the government opposes aerial spraying and trucks used for ground surveys of Medfly infestation are often hijacked by leftist guerrillas for use in their effort to topple the government.

In a holding action, Mexico is sending 150 million sterile Medflies a week for airdrop in a relatively peaceful mountainous strip across central Guatemala. This east-west "barrier" shields Mexico's Yucatan while daily fly drops over Chiapas give protection along the heavily infested southwestern border with Guatemala.

# Somalian nomads use the 'camel standard'

By Bernd Debusmann

HILWE WELL, Somalia, (R) — They groan and they moan, they belch and they belch, they whine and grunt as they try to edge their way past sick-wielding handlers to the trough, surrounded by a sea of camels.

Two or three times a month, up to 1,500 camels cover on this desert well north of Mogadishu, one of scores of similar watering holes in Somalia, the world's number one camel country.

There are more camels here than people, and more camels than anywhere else in the world. According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the estimated 5.4 million camels in Somalia account for roughly a third of the global camel population.

"Look at them," said camel handler Muhammad Haider, pointing his stick to the heaving, noisy mass of beasts waiting their turn to drink up to 25 gallons in one go. "Finer animals you cannot find."

Somalia is one of only two countries in Africa (the other is Mauritania) where nomads account for the majority of the population, and Somali nomads still operate what a foreign expert described as "the camel standard, as opposed to the gold standard."

Although paper money is widely in use, a man's status is still measured by the number and quality of his camels. The exchange of gifts which seals a marriage is conducted in the medium of camels. And despite efforts to outlaw the practice, compensation when a man is killed is often rated in camels.

Camels supply all the needs of the nomad, from the rich milk that frequently forms the mainstay of his diet to the hide used for sandals to protect his feet on the long treks across the heat-seared plains and deserts of Somalia.

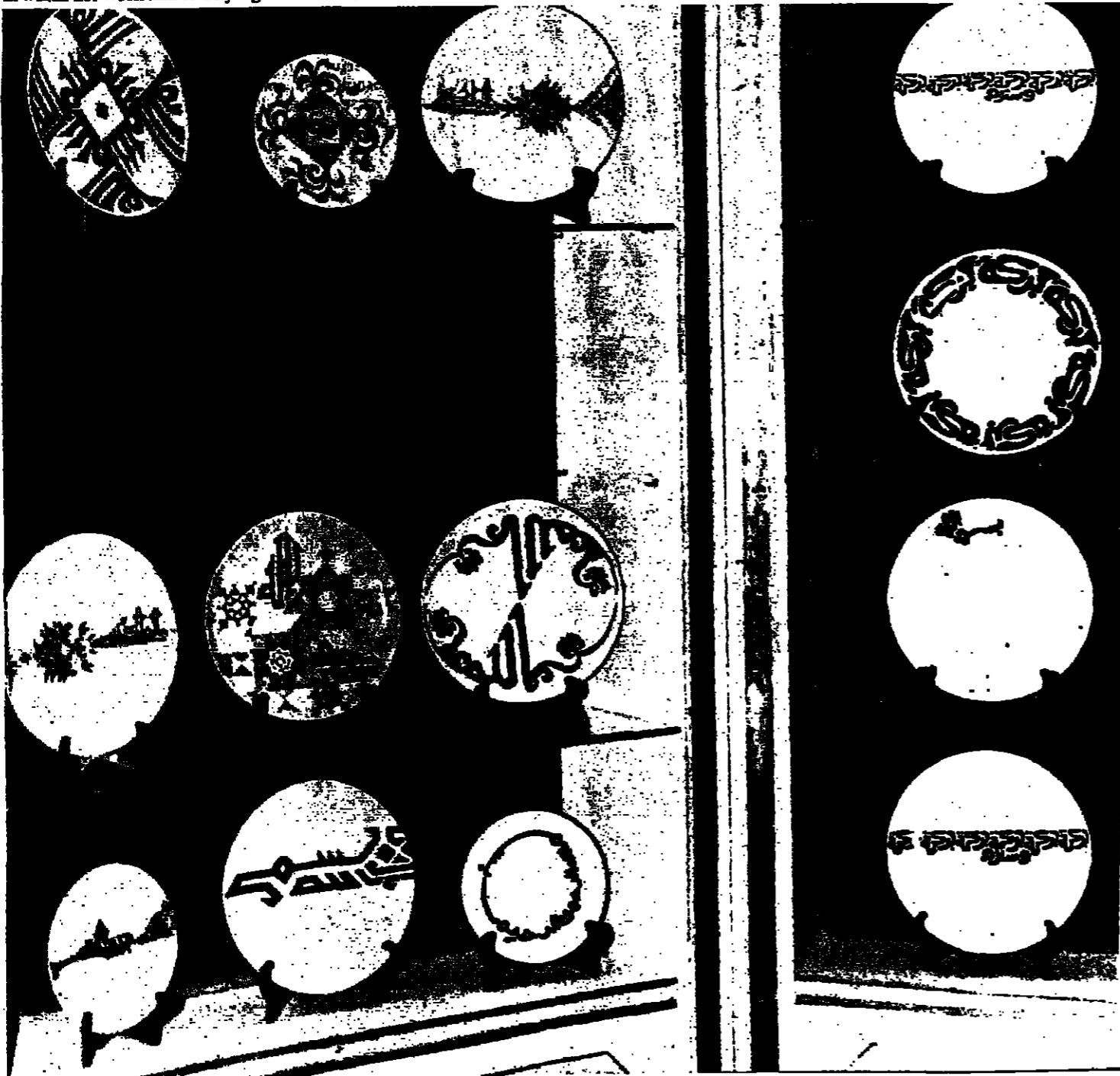
"Camels are necessary for our way of life," said Hassan Jama, the head of a nomad family of 18 camped near Hilwe Well. "Nothing can replace them. Now, camels are more valuable than before, because we have had bad, hard years."

A succession of droughts has cut into the grazing land available to Somalia's nomadic majority and driven up demand for camels. "Sheep and cattle and goat must stay near wells," said Hassan, "camels can forage far away."

A healthy male camel, weighing about 500 kg (1,100 pounds), now changes hands at around \$1,000 at the commercial rate of exchange, and a pregnant female goes for about \$1,400.

## British schedule Nov. 2 coffee event

JEDDAH — A "coffee morning" for British wives will be held Nov. 2 at the residence of the British Ambassador at 10 a.m. Children are welcome.



PORCELAIN PLATES: Islamic and Arabic tradition and heritage are the motivation behind these unique designs.

# Polish drivers hit hard by shortages

By Thomas W. Netter

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A line of more than 150 taxis stretches away from their special filling station, around corners and along streets for nearly two miles (3.2 km), and people wait for hours at taxi stands. A teacher gets up at 5 a.m. on his day off to take his place in the line and wait for a shipment of fuel to arrive. When he reaches the station at 6 a.m., 79 cars are already there.

A darkened filling station, out of gasoline for the night, is the start of a line of 60 cars, all empty. Their drivers, like the station attendant, are home sleeping.

Filling the tank of a car in Poland these days means nine — and 10-hour waits, finding tricks to jump the line, taking turns watching friends' cars and an end to chivalry.

At one station the other day, a striking blonde was shouted down by a pack of two dozen men waiting in a 76-car line. When she tried to get five liters for her tiny Fiat 126, they yelled "take a streetcar, madame," knowing full well that is another story since public transport is also beginning to break down.

No one is really sure what has sparked this latest panic to buy gasoline.

But figures provided by the state-run press say that state-run filling stations sold 27 percent more gas this year than last, while Poland's lack of hard currency has halted its purchase of additional supplies of oil.

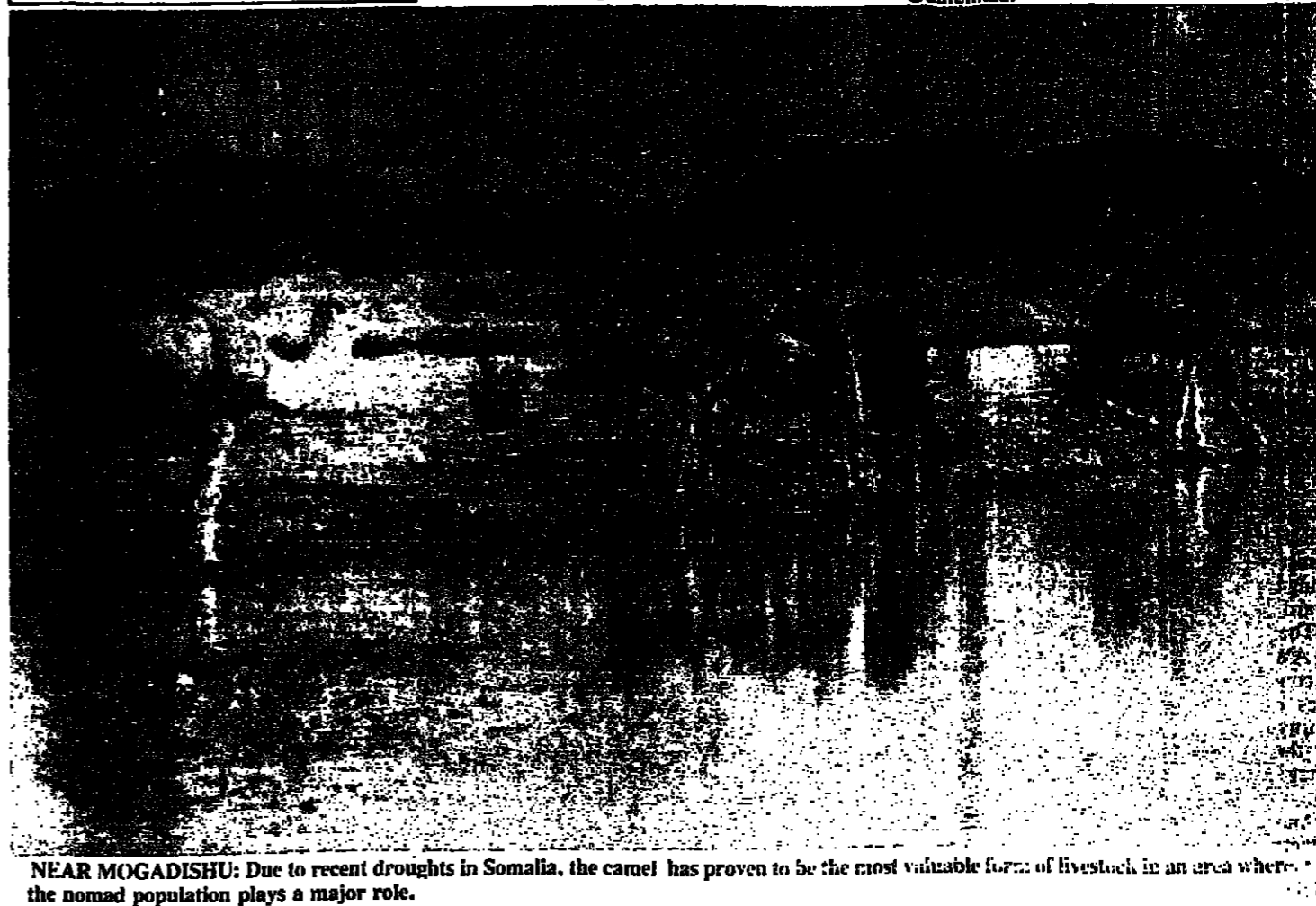
Poland was to buy 4 million tons of oil this year. But its reliance on the 13 million tons of crude received from the Soviet Union at lower prices means that CPN, the state

gasoline agency, will have only 70 percent of the fuel it needs to meet demand this month, officials said.

*Trybuna Ludu*, The Communist Party daily suggests that part of the problem is due to more people driving to outlying villages from the city to buy food there because of short supplies in city shops.

Many Poles also believe that people are hoarding gasoline in their cellars, on the chance that rationing and price hikes are coming as they have for other goods during the past 14 months of labor crisis here. Whatever the reasons, the long lines and long waiting times are breeding a new style of living as do other problems here.

In one gasoline line, where 256 cars waited all day, a young couple passed the time listening to blaring rock music from their tape recorder and eating a dinner they brought with them from their home.



NEAR MOGADISHU: Due to recent droughts in Somalia, the camel has proven to be the most valuable form of livestock in an area where the nomad population plays a major role.

# Africans appeal for Salim

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 31 (AP) — The 51-nation African group has appealed to all 15 members of the Security Council to vote for Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim, the Organization of African Unity's slumping candidate for U.N. secretary-general.

In a communique issued after an ambassador-level meeting at OAU headquarters in New York, the group made a special appeal for support of Salim to "the one permanent member" it said had "consistently opposed the OAU's candidate."

The United States, one of the five veto-wielding permanent members of the council, is believed to have voted against Salim on all six of the secret ballots the council took Tuesday and Wednesday in its futile efforts to nominate a secretary-general for the five-year term to start next Jan. 1.

Salim is contesting the re-election of Kurt Waldheim of Austria, who is seeking an unprecedented third term as secretary-general. The council will hold private talks Tuesday afternoon on what to do next and may decide to consider other candidates besides Waldheim and Salim.

The African communique added: "The group also expressed its concern for the attitude of the two permanent members who have consistently abstained and appeals to them to reconsider their position."

The Soviet Union and Britain are believed to have abstained from voting on Salim.

"The African group," the communique concluded, "also urges all members of the council to support Africa's candidate."

To win, a candidate for secretary-general must first get the council's nomination, which requires at least nine votes and no veto, and then be elected by simple majority in the 156-nation General Assembly.



U.N. CONTENDERS: Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim, candidate of the nonaligned movement as well as the African group for the post of U.N. secretary-general, and incumbent Kurt Waldheim (right), who is seeking an unprecedented third five-year term.

Ambassador Taieb Salim of Tunisia is in line to preside over the next balloting in the Security Council. He will begin a month's term as president of the council Saturday, succeeding Ambassador Jaime de Pinies of Spain in the customary alphabetical rotation of the presidency among the 15 countries on the council.

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# U.S., China differ on arms sales to Taipei

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — The United States and Communist China discussed, but apparently failed to resolve, differences over U.S. arms sales to the Nationalist Republic of China in lengthy discussions here, leaders of both nations have indicated.

But Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua and Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig said following a three-hour meeting here Friday that they had agreed to continue their talks at a later date. Huang said the talks were "frank and friendly."

Haig said the talks were "very frank and very friendly." Acknowledging differences in the discussions, Haig told reporters: "There are always some differences of view, as you would expect. There have always been."

Huang, appearing briefly with Haig after their meeting, told reporters the two sides had "a discussion on a wide range of important issues in the current international situation. The two sides have also discussed problems existing in Sino-U.S. relations."

On the issue of U.S. arms sales to the Peking government, Huang said no date had been set for an arms-buying mission to the United States by China. Haig had said during a visit to Peking in June that such a mission would come to the United States in August, but it was since postponed.

During his two-day official visit to Washington, Huang also met with President Reagan, Vice President George Bush.

# Soviets accuse U.S. of mass human rights violations

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 31 (R) — The Soviet Union said Friday the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had a computerized catalogue of 160 million Americans to check on their political loyalty. It also charged that innocent Americans were thrown into prisons and psychiatric institutions "on a mass scale" because of their political convictions.

Maria Kravchenko of the Soviet Union was speaking in the General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee a day after a U.S. representative had charged that 1,000 political dissenters were kept in Soviet mental institutions, along with 3,000 or 4,000 others who had simply complained about the Soviet bureaucracy.

The Soviet representative said scientific and technological achievements in a number of countries, particularly United States, were used for mass violations of human rights and for establishing a system of total surveillance or interfering in people's personal lives.

She continued: "One hundred and sixty million American citizens, through the use of the newest achievements of technology and with the use of computers, have been recorded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation into a special card catalogue for checks on political loyalty."

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# BRIEFS

was hoping to acquire new Soviet vessels as well as some West German submarines under a program to modernize and re-equip its fleet.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Roberto Guevara de la Serna, identified as a brother of the late leftist guerrilla leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara, was arrested here Friday for questioning after it was learned he is a top-ranking member of Argentina's Revolutionary Workers Party.

LIMA (R) — Four top military officers were sworn into Peru's government Friday after a surprise cabinet reshuffle which commentators said indicated a swing to the right by President Fernando Belaunde Terry. The reshuffle, affecting the ministries of the interior, army, navy and air force, was triggered by the resignation last Tuesday of Interior Minister Jose Maria de la Jara.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — India will negotiate the purchase of more Soviet submarines for its navy during the scheduled visit here of navy chief and deputy defense minister, Adm. Sergei G. Gorshkov, *The Times of India* reported Saturday. The newspaper said India

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# Bush decries anti-war marches

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — U.S. Vice President George Bush has said that European anti-war protesters are mimicking Soviet propaganda and suggested that banning nuclear weapons in Western Europe would lead to Soviet domination of the continent.

"The Soviet disinformation apparatus is as disquieting as it is dishonest, but it has not been unsuccessful," Bush said in a prepared speech delivered at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In recent weeks, massive demonstrations

were staged in London, Paris, Berlin and Rome opposing installations of new nuclear weapons in Europe by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"The rhetoric that we heard from some of the spokesmen (for the protesters) was oddly consonant with the editorial line of Tass (the Soviet news agency) and Pravda (the Soviet Communist newspaper) and other landmarks of free speech," Bush said.

The vice president said the participants lacked the perspective provided by World War II and the German buildup that pre-

ceded it, and that they were "attracted by the argument that the world has more to fear from America than it does from the Soviet Union."

"That alone really ought to give these demonstrators pause," he said. "Pacifism and Soviet ideology are as incompatible as sheep and wolves, but the latter always fashions clothing out of the former's wool."

Bush began his remarks by declaring that he was in Cambridge "to announce our policy on nuclear war. We're against it." From some of the speeches and signs at the European demonstrations, he said, "one might deduce that the major threat to peace in the world is the United States." He called this "one of the exquisite ironies of our times."

Bush said that with no effective deterrent to the Soviet Union's missiles and troops along its western borders, allied soldiers, including 375,000 Americans, and "the entire population of Western Europe are hostage to the Soviet Union."

"Remove the deterrent and you increase the chances of conflict," he said. "If the history of the past 50 years teaches us anything, it is that peace does not follow disarmament. Disarmament follows peace."

"If by banning the bomb in Western Europe we ensure the eventual domination of it by the Soviet Union, either by direct military conquest or by nuclear blackmail, then what do we accomplish?" Bush asked.

## New U.S. ambassador denies spying in Peru

LIMA, Peru, Oct. 31 (AP) — Ambassador Frank Ortiz of the United States has denied that he had ever been involved in illegal intelligence operations in Peru.

"I have been a career diplomat for nearly 30 years and I continue being one," Ortiz told reporters Friday on his first day in Peru as President Reagan's new ambassador. "Those who take upon themselves to sustain such allegations know very well that they are false and falsehoods have no force against the truth," he said.

Leftist newspapers and 60 American missionaries and scholars living in Peru have alleged that Ortiz was forced to leave Peru on his first diplomatic assignment here because the Peruvian government believed he was directing spy operations here.

Ortiz and his wife Dolores arrived Friday from Panama, where he was the diplomatic counsellor at the U.S. Southern Command.

# New York set to re-elect Koch mayor

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (R) — Murder, robbery and attacks on women are on the increase. The city's roads, sewers and underground rail network are falling apart. But next Tuesday Edward Koch will be re-elected mayor of New York virtually unopposed.

Many New Yorkers groan at the very mention of Mayor Koch's name, regarding him as an overbearing demagogue. Among the city's trades unions and minority groups, which can make or break a politician, he has few friends. But Koch, a Democrat, is also the Republican Party's candidate to continue the job he began in 1977.

This runs against the normal tide of events.

Traditionally New Yorkers like to hold their mayor responsible for what goes wrong, the moment it goes wrong. And in New York, in 1981, there is plenty wrong. Altogether 1,814 murders were committed in the city during 1980 and this year the murder rate is running five percent higher. Robberies are reported by the police department to be up 14.6 percent on last year.

The police grimly note that almost all other crime categories are rising. An army of convicted muggers and burglars is on the street because the jails are too crowded.

When Koch, a former liberal congressman, took over the city it had just narrowly

avoided bankruptcy. He spent his first four years dumping conventional New York liberal politics to balance budgets and rebuild business confidence. Having done that he now says he is prepared to increase city services, including adding more police, firemen and teachers.

Because of the money crisis, New York's police force was cut from 32,000 men to 23,000 even though crime increased. More cuts in the pipeline would make life even more difficult for the 56-year-old lawyer whom President Ronald Reagan has described as his favorite mayor.

## 'Vampire' jailed for murder

BROCKTON, Massachusetts, Oct. 31 (AP) — A man described as a self-proclaimed vampire was convicted Friday of murdering his grandmother by shooting her with gold-tipped bullets, then trying to drink her blood from the bullet wounds.

Superior Court Judge Peter F. Brady sentenced James P. Riva, 24, to a mandatory life sentence. He will not be eligible for parole for at least 27 years. The jury of nine men and three women deliberated for about three hours. Brady said he would recommend that the correction department consider whether to send Riva to a mental hospital instead of prison.

Prosecutors said Riva shot his grandmother, Carmen Lopez, 74, on April 10, 1980, then burned her body and her house. Mrs. Lopez was an invalid confined to a wheelchair.

Riva's mother, Janet Jones, testified Monday that her son told her, "I've been a vampire for four years... Voices told me I had to be a vampire and I had to drink blood for a long time. I've been talking with the devil for a long time."

Mrs. Jones said her son said he tipped some bullets with gold paint because vampires told him the bullets "would find their mark." She quoted Riva as saying he was not able to drink his grandmother's blood because "she was old and dried up."

Mrs. Jones testified Riva wanted to "kill everybody who hated him and come back and be handsome, have a car and his life would be fine." Defense Attorney John Spingale asked for acquittal by reason of insanity. He read the jury reports from mental hospitals where Riva had been treated.

## Tiny Antigua becomes free today

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Oct. 31 (R) — The tiny British-associated state of Antigua, composed of the Caribbean islands of Antigua, Barbuda and Redonda, will become independent from Britain Sunday. The three-island state covers an area of 170.5 square miles (440 square kilometers) and has been self-governing since 1967, with Britain retaining responsibility for defense and external affairs. Redonda is uninhabited.

Over 73,000 of the country's 75,000 inhabitants live in Antigua. Most are descendants of Africans, but a small minority are of British, Portuguese, Lebanese and Syrian origin. Britain's Queen Elizabeth will be represented on Sunday by her sister, Princess Margaret, at the official opening of parliament, a state banquet and a flag-raising ceremony.

Other foreign delegations, including a 13-man mission led by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William Clark will attend the official ceremonies. Negotiations for the independence of Antigua, which will become the 46th Commonwealth member, took place in London in December 1980.

The negotiations focused on such questions as constitutional safeguards for Barbuda whose representatives had pressed for the creation of two separate states or retention of the island under British control.

Antigua's economy has performed well in the past few years with an average growth rate of 7.5 percent between 1977 and 1979, but the World Bank has warned the country's leaders of the dangers of over-dependence on tourism.

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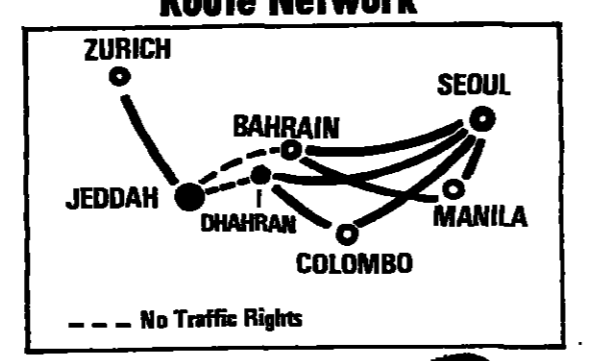
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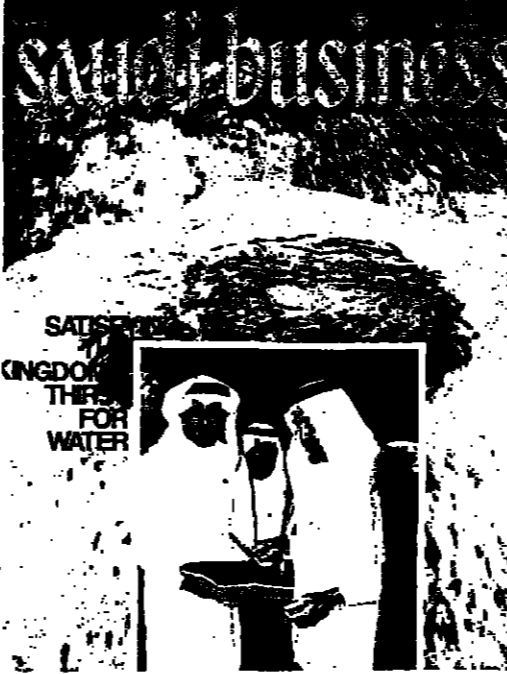
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# U.S. farm exports touch \$43.8b mark

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — The United States' exports of agricultural commodities were worth a record \$43.8 billion in the year that ended on Sept. 30, up 8 percent from 1979-80, the U.S. Agriculture Department has said.

However, the sales total was \$4.7 billion less than the \$48.5 billion forecast a year ago for the 1980-81 fiscal year. Moreover, for the first time in years the actual volume of commodities shipped dropped slightly from the previous year.

Richard A. Smith, administrator of the department's foreign agricultural service, said Friday the 8 percent increase in value resulted from "higher unit prices for U.S. products" sold to foreign buyers. Although the export value set a record for the 12th

straight year, Smith said the sales were affected by "a number of general economic factors, such as a sluggish worldwide economic performance and the dramatic appreciation of the dollar," which helped dampen foreign demand.

Substantial value increases were shown for wheat and flour, up 22 percent from the previous year, fruit, nuts and vegetables, up 18 percent, and sugar and tropical products, up 61 percent.

On a volume basis, the agency said last year's exports totaled 162.3 million metric tons, down from about 163.9 million in 1979-80. Shipments of wheat and flour showed a 17 percent increase in tonnage shipped, while declines were reported for feed grains, soybeans and soybean products.

# Czechs face economic crisis

PRAGUE, Oct. 31 (AFP) — Czechoslovakia's economic situation is grim, and citizens are likely to feel the pinch, President Ludomir Strougal said in a speech before the Communist Party leadership.

His statements, carried by the official CTK news agency Friday, suggested that his country may be feeling the ripples from the economic difficulties of other Eastern block countries, its main trading partners.

Poland has cut its coal exports to Czechoslovakia by two-thirds, unofficial sources said. Strougal said that oil purchases, mostly from the Soviet Union, were down 12 percent, and Romania has stopped exporting electricity to his country.

The Czechoslovak president also said that plans for exports to the West were not realized, and advocated increasing his country's share of trade with Comecon, the Soviet bloc economic group, now at 63 percent.

# Italy tops Europe in petrol price

ROME, Oct. 31 (AFP) — Italy now holds the European record for high gasoline (petrol) prices, with a liter of premium now selling for 995 lira, the equivalent of \$3.23 a gallon.

The price would have passed the threshold of 1000 lira a liter if the counters on gasoline pumps had been equipped for four digits. Premium gasoline prices have risen six-fold since 1970, when the cost was 162 lira a liter.

The owners of Italy's 19 million cars — one for every three citizens — are in an uproar over the increases, and unions and consumer groups have protested.

In a communique, the Fiat car firm accused the government of always "choosing the easiest solution, hitting the automobile owner and the production sector which is already going through a serious world crisis."

Tourists in Italy, however, probably will pay several hundred lira less per liter, by means of a special coupon plan. The exact savings to tourists have not yet been made public.

The government said it raised gasoline prices by 65 lira a liter to compensate for deficits of the National Office of Electricity, which reportedly does not have enough funds to carry out its nuclear power program.

He said he was describing a "complex situation that will be even more complicated in 1982." Salaries and other payments to Czechoslovaks will rise only 2.6 percent and the plan for building residences will not be achieved. Cuts in fuel supplies and other problems will mean a two percent drop in electricity deliveries to all industrial customers, Strougal said.

Speaking before the plenum of the Communist Party central committee Wednesday, Strougal said there was a "considerable insufficiency" in the farm sector, with just 9.4 million tons of grain produced instead of the 11 million planned.

During the session, Vasil Bilak, the second highest official in the Czechoslovak party, announced coming "unpopular measures" that he did not specify. Observers thought he might be referring to price increases, following the increase in fuel prices ordered this month.

# Alfa to lay off 13,000

ROME, Oct. 31 (AFP) — The Italian car maker Alfa Romeo will ask the government shortly for permission to lay off 13,000 of its 37,500 employees, the weekly publication *Panorama* said Saturday.

It said the measures were made necessary by the failure of the car company to reach an agreement on production with the unions last spring. *Panorama* said that production at the Arese facilities in northern Italy was only 470 units during September, compared to the expected total of 558. This represented just one-third of the total productive capacity there.

# Pest menace spells famine for Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Oct. 31 (R) — An insect not previously seen in Africa is devouring food and property in central Tanzania and has made famine there almost a certainty, according to a team of British entomologists sent to identify the pest.

David Masanja, principal secretary in the Tanzanian Ministry of Agriculture, said Saturday: "We're doing everything we can to isolate the area and follow the recommendations of the British experts." The situation is serious, "he added.

The pest was identified two weeks ago by experts from Britain's Tropical Products Institute sent to Tanzania by the British government after local efforts at identification failed.

The entomologists said the insect, which has spread throughout the Tabora region, in west-central Tanzania, is *Prostephanus truncatus*, commonly known as the greater grain borer.

A survey of villages in the region by the British team revealed that 30 percent of stored maize had already been devoured, and that silos, wooden farming tools and household utensils were also being eaten. "Widespread famine is a certainty," the report said.

Masanja said efforts were being made to contain the pest by stopping maize and other grains from being moved out of the region of about 800,000 people. Grain stores in Tabora were being sprayed and surrounding regions and neighboring countries had been warned to look out for the insect, he said. He said up to 40,000 tons of maize will be needed to prevent famine in Tabora.

The insect was first noticed in the region more than a year ago and, apparently because it is relatively large and fast moving, was given the name "scania" by local farmers who thought it resembled the heavy duty Swedish trucks assembled in Tanzania.

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# Abu Dhabi to host industrial show

ABU DHABI, Oct. 31 (WAM) — The first Arabian Gulf industrial exhibition and conference will be held in Abu Dhabi from Nov. 24 to 30.

Sponsored by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the exhibition aims at introducing and promoting the industrial capabilities of the Arab Gulf states explained by participants from the public sectors of the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar and Oman including most of the oil companies operating in the region.

Industrial products from more than eight countries will be displayed, making the exhibition a significant event in this part of the world.

# Wall Street Interest rate drop triggers mart rally

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (AP) — The past several days have given Wall Street another tantalizing taste of lower interest rates, and the depressed stock and bond markets have responded with a glimmer of optimism.

Even some of the most steadfastly pessimistic forecasters have lately acknowledged that interest rates in the United States appear headed lower in the immediate future.

Henry Kaufman, the prominent Salomon Brothers economist, took that view in the weekly commentary he wrote Friday for weekend distribution to the firm's clients.

By early Friday afternoon, the contents of his "Comments on Credit" letter had found their way into Wall Street's trading rooms, and salesmen and traders quickly spread the word by telephone. The result was a spirited rally in stock prices, as well as a scramble to buy interest-bearing investments ranging from short-term treasury bills to long-term bonds.

Hours later, the Federal Reserve lowered its discount rate — the charge it sets on loans to its member commercial banks — from 14 percent to 13 percent. The pre-halloween upsurge of 19.60 points enabled the Dow Jones Industrial average to post a 14.56 gain to 852.55 for the past week.

The New York stock exchange composite index rose 1.55 to 70.64, and the American stock exchange market value index picked up

5.80 to 312.02. Big Board Volume averaged 47.59 million shares a day, against 44.85 million the week before.

The Dow Jones Industrials closed out October with a net gain of 2.57, breaking a string of monthly losses the average dating back to last March.

Kaufman concluded that the sagging U.S. economy and slower-than-expected growth in the money supply had left room for the Federal Reserve to ease up on credit while still pursuing its campaign against inflation. He said the closely watched rate on federal funds, overnight loans between banks, which has been hovering between 14 percent and 15 percent lately, could fall one to two percentage points.

Declining open-market money rates would be likely to prompt a similar drop in the bank prime lending rate, now at 17.5 percent to 18 percent, he added. That in turn could provide some "modest benefit" for the bond market, the forecast declared.

Kaufman has long held a dim view of the long-term outlook for interest rates. Though he gave no indication Friday of changing that opinion, analysts said any positive comments from him were bound to touch off a strong response.

Wall Street has had numerous outbreaks of "peak fever" in the past couple of years as

traders looked for a turning point in interest rates. To date, each one has given way to renewed upward pressure on rates, and accompanying losses for any trader holding interest-bearing securities. So many a Wall Streeter now views any bond market rally with a skepticism born of unpleasant experience.

In addition, the cornerstone of the current case for lower interest rates is the prospect of a deepening recession, which raises separate concerns for the stock market — namely, declining corporate earnings and possible dividend disappointments.

Investors will be watching closely early next week when General Motors, which recently reported a \$468 million third-quarter loss, announces its quarterly dividend.

And even in a lackluster economy, some analysts say lower interest rates are by no means a given. Arnold X. Moskowitz, economist at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., said in a recent bulletin that he still expects long-term interest rates to hit new highs.

"The stagnant economy will take its toll on corporate profits and cash flow, raising corporate credit demands considerably," he argued. On top of that, he said, heavy borrowing by the federal government "will continue to crowd out the corporate sector from the bond market."

# World Bank falls on banks to boost lending

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — In line with U.S. President Ronald Reagan's insistence on private lending to poor countries, A.W. Clausen, president of the World Bank, reported Friday that for the first time this year it is lending more in cooperation with private banks than in cooperation with governments and other official bodies.

Clausen, who used to head the private Bank of America, has been emphasizing the role of co-financing in the development of poor countries. The World Bank consists of 141-member governments which have banded together to help such countries. Most of its lending — over \$12.2 billion in the year that ended June 30 — is done with funds of its own.

This year, Clausen said, it also attracted \$1.7 billion in private co-financing, a growing source of help. This compared with \$1.6 billion in co-financing from official sources, a figure which has been declining.

"Private lending and investment account for about 60 percent of the international financing that the developing countries receive," he said. "And, because of restricted government budgets all over the world, private sources becoming even important to the developing countries."

Clausen pointed out that U.S. exports to poor countries are now greater than those Europe, the Soviet Union and China combined. "In my opinion," he said, "closer economic cooperation with Third World

countries makes nothing but good economic sense for the United States and for all industrialized nations."

He argued against protection from international competition, which he said cost U.S. taxpayers \$80,000 a year for each job protected in the U.S. textile industry, and \$114,000 for each job in the shoe industry. The U.S. system of minimum "trigger" prices for steel costs, Americans \$6 billion annually, he estimated.

"International trade is among the most effective supply-side reforms," he said. "It puts a brake on rising prices and, at the same time, makes for a more productive economy and increased economic welfare."

In a speech prepared for the U.S. National Trade Council, a private organization,

Clausen suggested that "the time just might be right" for an international insurance plan to protect investors against political upheavals. He pointed out that several countries have national programs of this kind, but said there is no way now to do it cooperatively or to get reinsurance.

The U.S. government's overseas private investment corporation insures American investors against war, insurrection and the freezing of their assets in other countries, and this week it reported a big rush of business this summer. Earlier this month, Reagan signed a bill that will also permit it to insure against damage from other kinds of civil strife, except damages that occur from labor disputes and students grievances.

# China urged to expand private sector

PEKING, Oct. 31 (AFP) — A Chinese daily paper Saturday called for the expansion of private enterprises, stressing that the private sector could provide work for the large number of jobless youths.

The *Guangming Intellectual Daily*, deploring "under-development" of retail trade and services, said the number of private businesses remained insufficient to meet needs despite restoration of the private economy in 1979. Noting that China now had only 550,000 small businesses compared with 10 million in 1951, the paper said the private economy had developed mainly in the southern province of Guangdong and northeastern

province of Liaoning.

Seventy percent of these small enterprises were groceries, restaurants and craftsmen's shops, while 10 percent of traders were retired people and another 16 percent young graduates, it said.

The daily chided some young graduates it said preferred to wait for a job in a state enterprise rather than work in a small business. Analysts said this attitude was motivated by the lack of social protection and pension schemes for private traders, a situation which for the young often means they cannot find a spouse.

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Seeks rise in rail traffic

# Iran to hike trade with Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 31 (R) — Iran wants to buy more foodstuffs from Pakistan and also increase rail traffic between the two countries, a senior Iranian foreign ministry official has said here.

Hossein Lavasani, director general for political affairs in the Iranian Foreign Ministry, told reporters Iran was mainly interested in buying more commodities like rice from Pakistan.

Lavasani, who led a nine-member economic delegation that Friday ended a three-day visit to Pakistan, said Pakistan fil-

led Iran's three main criteria for trading partners now that it had turned away from the markets of the United States and Western Europe. Pakistan was an Islamic country, it was a Third World country and it was a neighbor.

Iran's imports from Pakistan have increased dramatically during the past two years of the Iranian revolution while its exports to Pakistan have dropped.

The annual report of the Pakistan State Bank on the country's economy released earlier this week showed that Pakistan's exports to Iran had increased from \$45 million in the

year ending June 1979 to nearly \$230 million in the year ending June 1981.

In the same period, Iraq's exports to Pakistan had dropped from \$6 million to \$2.5 million. Iran is Pakistan's second largest export market trailing only China where nearly \$360 million worth of goods were exported in the year ending June this year.

Pakistani officials said the dramatic rise in exports was caused by the embargo on trade to Iran imposed by the U.S. and Western Europe during the American hostages crisis.

Lavasani said Iran was interested in buying more Pakistani goods like rice, meat and other agricultural products. "We also discussed stepping up rail traffic from Pakistan to Iran," Lavasani said. At present, the only rail link between the two countries is a train that runs once a week from Quetta, capital of Pakistan's western Baluchistan province.

Since Iran became involved in a war with Iraq interfering with shipping to Iran there has been an increase in overland transit goods through Pakistan.

In another development, the president of Iran's National Petrochemical Company, Mostafa Taheri, arrived Friday to discuss completion of a joint Japanese-Iranian petrochemical complex in the southern Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini.

Taheri told reporters that any problems over completion of the \$3.6 billion complex could be resolved with good faith and endeavor. Japan's Mitsui group suspended work on the complex, Japan's biggest overseas venture and Iran's largest industrial project, after the Iranian revolution in 1979. The complex is 85 percent finished.

A Mitsui spokesman said earlier that the company would stick to its view expressed last April that it could contribute no more money to the project. It would decide whether to pull out if Iran did not agree to complete the complex with its own money, the spokesman added.

# Washington, Prague settle gold dispute

PRAGUE, Oct. 31 (AFP) — The U.S. and Czechoslovakia will next Thursday initial a settlement covering 18.5 tons of Czechoslovak gold held in the U.S., and the compensation of U.S. citizens for the 1948 nationalizations here, a U.S. source said.

The litigation has lasted more than 30 years. An agreement was reached in 1974, but failed to gain approval from the U.S. Senate which sought better terms for the United States.

The U.S. source here said the revised agreement was more favorable to the United States and stood a chance of getting through the Senate. The 18.5 tons of gold are part of a 24.5 ton quantity the German Nazis are said to have stolen from the Czech Central Bank, and were reportedly discovered by the Western allies at Aachen in West Germany.

Six tons are understood to have been supplied, but post-World War II U.S. President Harry Truman later halted transfers demanding compensation for nationalized American interests in Czechoslovakia.

According to recent estimates the gold held with the Americans is worth \$127 million, and compensation for the United States fixed at \$105 million, 41 percent of this sum being interest.

# Arab bank lends \$40m to Africa

KHARTOUM, Oct. 31 (R) — Loans totaling \$40 million have been extended to several African countries by the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) to finance new investment projects, the bank announced Friday.

The bank's board of directors met in Khartoum this week to decide on the new loans. Angola is to receive \$10 million to finance the development of its fisheries industry. Similar-sized loans are being granted to Zambia, to boost the country's development bank, and to Zimbabwe to help build a 126-km (80-mile) road.

Niger and Sao Tome are each to receive \$5 million loans. Niger will use the cash to improve its water supply while Sao Tome plans to commit the funds to stepping up power generation. The latest loans bring the total funds approved by the bank so far this year to \$76 million.

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development has given Tunisia a \$13 million loan to help develop communications facilities under an agreement signed Saturday, the fund said.

It said the loan would be repaid over 11 years after a four-year grace period at an annual interest rate of six percent.

# Riyal deposit rates ease

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Oct. 31 — The U.S. dollar closed much weaker Friday night in New York, reaching levels of some two weeks ago before it rose. Interest rate considerations were the prime factors affecting the dollar's fall, with market opinion once again veering toward the idea of short term U.S. dollar interest rate falls. The New York Federal Reserve Board, (the central bank), decided that the time was ripe and announced a cut of one percent in the official discount rate taking it to 13 percent from 14 percent.

The release of the weekly U.S. money supply figures showing a rise of \$1 billion in the M-1 measurement did not stop the ensuing falls in U.S. deposit rates with one-year Eurodollars falling below the 16 percent level again.

The local markets reacted by cutting back on the levels of riyal deposit rates. The falls were seen throughout most tenors but were most noticeable in the short periods, taking one-month JIBOR bid-offer rates from Thursday level of 13 - 13 1/2 percent to Saturday's 11 1/4 - 12 1/4 percent. Week-fixed tenors came down from 10 - 11 percent to 8-9 percent. One-year riyal levels were still fairly firm at 14 - 14 1/2 percent, but even the long tenors had eased by nearly 1/2 percent Saturday. The most immediate cutback was on the local foreign exchange markets when spot dollar/riyal rates were quoted at 3.4150 - 60 by close of business compared to 3.4100 - 10 on opening.

Dealers said that most institutions were cutting back on long dollar positions held and that few dollar purchases were made. Brokers operating out of Bahrain OBU's — offshore booking units — reported the same trend and said that there were few buyers of dollars Saturday.

The American dollar certainly fell back sharply on the European and American exchange markets Friday. The German mark, French franc and Swiss franc all made gains against the dollar, but the most dramatic increase was in sterling's value which shot up by more than four cents to close at 1.8805 levels in New York Friday. This compares well with 1.8402 levels earlier in the day. The OPEC unified oil decision of \$34 a barrel has certainly pushed up the sterling since Britain's oil is linked to the Kingdom's oil pricing and British balance of payments look healthier now with an increase of oil price from \$32 to \$34 a barrel.

The French franc rose from 5.71 levels Wednesday to close at 5.7700 levels Friday, once again showing the volatility of this currency. The Swiss franc also gained more than 400 points to close at 1.8100 compared with 1.8460 levels. The yen which had been the weakest currency against the dollar also improved its position from 234.00 levels to 232.75 closing Friday. As for the German mark, the Bundesbank must be pleased that its limited support intervention has worked so well taking the new dollar/mark level to 2.2175 from 2.2500 early Friday.

# Tax relief for U.S. firms abroad urged

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP) — United States Trade Representative William Brock said Friday he would "love to see" a system that would free U.S. companies in other countries from American taxes.

"...if it is true," he said, "that we could increase sales by \$50 or \$100 billion I think you could demonstrate clearly that the net receipts to the government as well as to the economy would be substantially enhanced..."

"And it is true also that no other country that I know of collects taxes on the basis of corporate citizenship. They tax on the basis of where the company's doing business, and if the company's doing business overseas they don't tax it."

President Ronald Reagan's administration has already got Congress to exempt most Americans abroad from income taxes on their personal earnings. Brock said increased taxes had resulted in 39 percent of Americans working in other countries to return home in one year — 1979.

He called for careful analysis of the cost of exempting corporations as well, to make sure that such a policy would not mean so much of a loss to the U.S. Treasury as to create higher

budget deficits, thus promoting higher interest rates and inflation.

He said the least the United States could do is to maintain the present domestic international sales corporations (DISC), which have enabled U.S. businesses that export some of their production to avoid about \$10 billion in taxes over the past decade.

# France takes Paribas to court

PARIS, Oct. 31 (AFP) — The French government has mounted legal action against top executives of the Paribas Bank and its customers, charging them with violations of currency export laws.

The lawsuit Friday just after the Paribas sold off its Belgian and Swiss subsidiaries to foreign interests and faced the wrath of the French Socialist for doing so. The subsidiaries thus escaped the net of nationalization.

The question of the exchange violations and the loss of the Paribas subsidiaries were not officially related.

## BRIEFS

CANBERRA (AFP) — International telephone traffic to and from Australia increased 31 percent in 1980-81, the Overseas Telecommunications Commission reports. Automatic telex traffic rose 20 percent. Space satellite television jumped 57 percent.

MOSCOW (AFP) — Azerbaijan Oil Institute announced a new technology for extracting oil from oil sands. Novosti news agency reports. The oil sands are processed with the aid of a special solvent, and the extraction coefficient is 95 percent.

LONDON (AFP) — Recent menswear fabric shows in Britain have revealed a significant increase in interest from the trade which could herald better times, according to Iain Clegg, menswear product manager of the international wool secretariat for the United Kingdom.

WINDHOEK (AFP) — The SWAPO nationalist organization would nationalize Rossing Uranium Mine, the biggest in the Western world, if it came to power in an independent Namibia, the paper *Die Republiek*, run by the South African backed Democratic Turnhalle Alliance Party, said.

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Directorate General of Meteorology and Environmental Protection Communications Ministry	Building a wireless communications center and transporting equipment to the new airport	5,000	17.10.81
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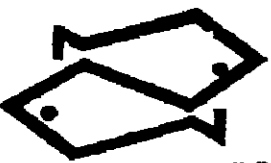
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# Auto workers buy ailing GM plant

CLARK, New Jersey, Oct. 31 (AP) — Auto workers at a General Motors plant took a 30 percent pay cut but saved some of their jobs by buying the plant and creating their own company.

Some of those who lost their jobs called the \$53 million sale a "sellout." GM Chairman Roger B. Smith called it a "milestone in American labor relations" as he turned over the deed of the plant to Hyatt Clark Industries Inc., which will begin operations Monday.

James Zarrello, chairman of local branch of the United Auto Workers of America, said, "our only concern was the well-being of our members and the preservation of jobs."

General Motors had announced plans to close its plant — formerly new Departur-Hyatt bearings division — on July 1 because there was lower demand for the tapered roller bearings and the plant was not competitive. To keep the plant open, workers Thursday ratified a contract that cut base salaries by 30 percent and preserved just 750 of the 1,700 hourly jobs at the plant. In return workers received production incentives, stock ownership, and guarantees of a say in the company.

Most of the approximately 120 salaried management employees are staying with the new company, said Alan V. Lowenstein, chairman of Hyatt Clark Industries Inc.

More than 900 employees applied for the 750 jobs, and those workers who contributed \$100 each for the study on the prospects of the new venture were given first priority for the jobs, Zarrello said.

The remaining workers opted to be laid off under a severance agreement that will pay them 95 percent of their base salaries for the next 12 months, said James May, president of the Union Local.

Some workers interviewed Friday outside the plant and at a nearby bar were not enthusiastic about the sale. Workers who chose layoffs called the agreement a "sellout by the union" and said they were pessimistic about the company's future.

But Jerry McGuire, a welder who will stay at the plant, said, "I don't think it was a sellout. If you didn't want to stay you could leave. It's just hard luck."

### Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Saturday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.075	
Bangladesh Taka		14.55	
Belgian Franc (1,000)		91.25	
Canadian Dollar		285.50	
Deutsche Mark (100)	155.00	154.80	
Dutch Guilder (100)	140.25	140.10	
Egyptian Pound	3.75	4.13	
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.25	93.15	
French Franc (100)	61.50	61.35	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	54.50	59.40	
Indian Rupee (100)		37.95	
Iranian Riyal (100)			
Iraqi Dinar			
Italian Lira (10,000)	29.30	29.10	
Japanese Yen (1,000)		14.80	
Jordanian Dinar	10.17	10.125	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.14	12.13	
Lebanese Lira (100)	74.60	74.50	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	61.45	64.20	
Pakistani Rupee (100)		34.80	
Philippines Peso (100)		43.30	
Pound Sterling	6.47	6.455	
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.05	
Singapore Dollar (100)		164.45	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		36.05	
Swiss Franc (100)	189.60	189.50	
Syrian Lira (100)	58.60	63.35	
Turkish Lira (1,000)			
U.S. Dollar	3.43	3.425	
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.25	75.50	

	Selling Price	Buying Price
Gold kg.	46,946	46,896
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Ounce	1,460	1,450

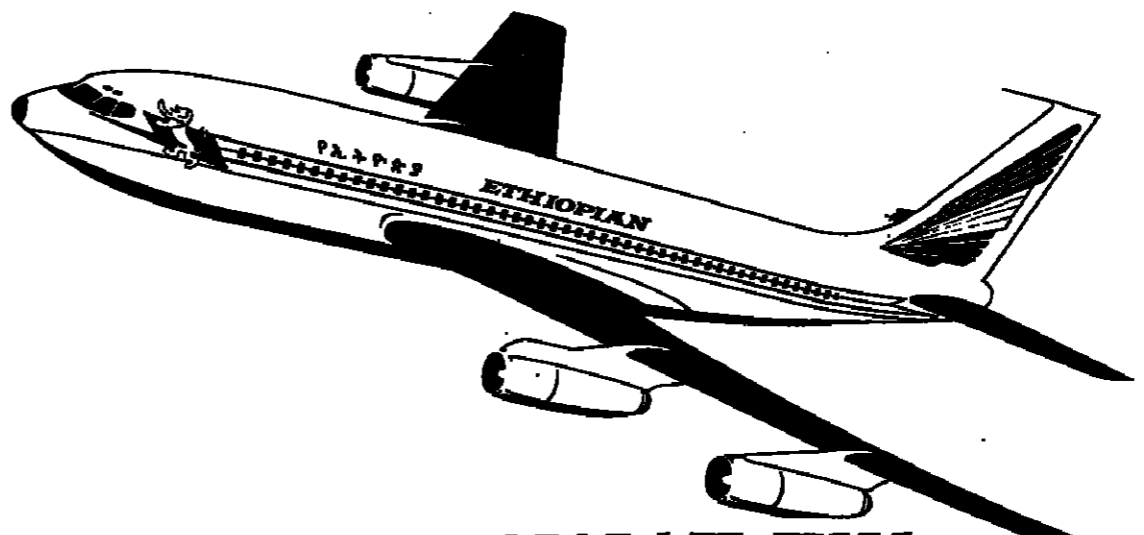
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# United stages fine rally to beat Notts

LONDON, Oct. 31 (R) — Manchester United stood top of the English Soccer League Saturday, thanks to face-saving goals by Garry Birtles and Remi Moses.

Visitors Notts County had threatened a shock win when Ian McCulloch put them ahead in the first half but United recovered and sealed a 2-1 victory to remain one goal ahead of rivals Ipswich on goal difference.

Ipswich kept in close touch with their Northern rivals by recording a useful 1-0 away win over champions Aston Villa. Russell Osman cracked his first goal of the season in the ninth minute which proved enough for his side's third successive league triumph over Villa, who remained floundering in mid-table.

A 90th minute goal Pat Corbett gave Tottenham a 2-1 victory at Southampton and lifted them into the third place at the expense of Swansea, who were held to a goalless draw at Wolverhampton.

Ray Clemence saved an 86th minute penalty to give Tottenham a nerve-tangling victory. Tottenham with one of the best away records in the league went ahead through Graham Roberts' header after 24 minutes, but Steve Moran equalized less than a minute later and when Roberts tripped Keegan it looked odd on a Southampton win.

Clemence, whose shaky start at Spurs is now well behind him caused his former Liverpool colleague Keegan to miss from the spot for the first time in six attempts this season. Southampton slumped and Spurs substitute Pat Corbett hit a late winner, four minutes after coming on.

West Bromwich striker Cyrille Regis scored his second hat-trick of the season away to local rivals Birmingham City but West Bromwich had to settle for a 3-3 draw.

Archie Gemmill gave Birmingham the lead with his first goal of the season before Regis netted his three goals, the first his 50th in the First Division. Tony Evans and Frank Worthington then scored to give Birmingham a

share of the points.

Age Hareide, Manchester City's Norwegian international, celebrated his First Division debut by creating the winning goal against Everton at Goodison Park.

Hareide's deep cross was headed home by Dennis Tueart midway through the second half. The goal wrecked Everton's unbeaten home record.

Graham Rix's 64th minute goal gave Arsenal a 1-0 home win over Coventry while West Ham beat Middlesbrough 3-2 in an exciting encounter at Upton Park.

Jimmy Neighbour, Paul Goddard and Ray Stewart (penalty) gave the London club a 3-1 lead but Bobby Thomson reduced the deficit, also with a penalty. Billy Wood was Middlesbrough's other marksman.

## English Soccer results

English Division One		
Arsenal	1	Coventry 0
Aston Villa	0	Ipswich 1
Birmingham	3	West Bromwich 3
Brighton	0	Sheff Wed 0
Everton	0	Manchester City 1
Manchester United	2	Notts County 1
Nottingham Forest	2	Leeds 1
Southampton	1	Tottenham 2
Sunderland	0	Liverpool 2
Swansea	0	Wolves 0
West Ham	3	Middlesbrough 2

Division Two		
Barnsley	1	Oxford 0
Blackburn	0	Wrexham 0
Cambridge United	2	Cardiff 1
Charlton	1	QPR 1
Derby	0	Grimsby 1
Leicester	0	Sheff Wed 1
Leeds	1	Crystal Palace 0
Norwich	0	Bolton 0
Oldham	3	Newcastle 1
Rotherham	6	Chelsea 0
Sheff Wed	0	Westford 0

Division Three		
Brentford	0	Bury 0
Bristol City	0	Chesterfield 0
Chester	2	Reading 3
Doncaster	4	Bristol Rovers 2

Division Four		
Fulham	1	Portsmouth 1
Gillingham	1	Swindon 0
Huddersfield	1	Milwall 2
Newport	2	Cardiff 0
Oxford United	1	Lincoln 1
Preston	1	Southend 0
Walsall	0	Plymouth 0

Division Five		
Aldershot	1	Hartlepool 2
Bury	2	Northampton 1
Darlington	2	Rochdale 0
Port Vale	2	Hull City 1
Scarborough	0	Peterborough 1
Sheff United	3	Blackpool 1
Tranmere	0	Bournemouth 1
York City	3	Hereford 4

Scottish Premier Division		
Aberdeen	1	Dundee United 1
Airdrieonians	1	Celtic 3
Dundee	0	Hibernian 0
Morton	0	St. Mirren 2
Rangers	0	Fairlie 2

Division One		
Clydebank	2	Ayr United 1
Dunfermline	1	St. Johnstone 2
Falkirk	1	Dumbarton 1
Hamilton	2	Queen's Park 1
Hibernian	0	East Stirling 1
Kilmarnock	1	Rath Rovers 1
Queen of South	0	Motherwell 2



**LEADS RALLY:** Manchester United's Garry Birtles, who led the fightback and helped United to the top of the English First Division Soccer table. United beat Notts County 2-1.

# Erving strikes for 76ers

## Isiah Thomas makes impressive debut

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (AP) — The first night of the National Basketball Association season, who else should shine, but the league's biggest names and top rookies. And it looked Friday night that pro basketball fans have a trio of new stars, who are ready to light up the galaxy.

Detroit's Isiah Thomas made the most auspicious debut, scoring 31 points and assisting on 11 baskets as the Pistons topped Milwaukee 118-113. Thomas, a 6-foot-1 guard who led Indiana University to the NCAA title in March as a sophomore, then joined the NBA, was the No. 2 pick in the June draft.

Selected ahead of Thomas was 6-7 forward Mark Aguirre, who went to Dallas. The Mavericks didn't win but Aguirre scored 19 points as Utah won 105-89.

Then New Jersey Nets had the third spot in the draft and took Buck Williams 6-10 forward-center from Maryland. Williams acquitted himself well — 19 points and 17 rebounds — as the Nets opened their New York Meadowlands arena by bowing to the New York Knicks 103-99.

Familiar names around the NBA, who got off to fast starts were scoring machine Geoff Gervin of San Antonio with 36 points to lead the Spurs past Kansas City 113-102; Moses Malone, whose 16 points lifted Houston over Los Angeles 113-112 in double overtime; Julius Erving, whose solid game included 27 points that paced Philadelphia past Cleveland 128-104 and Boston's Robert Parish and Larry Bird, with 22 and 20 points, respectively as the Celtics began defense of their championship with an easy 124-100 win over Washington.

In other games, it was Denver 134, Golden State 121; Indiana 98; Chicago 94; Portland 103, Phoenix 95.

Pistons 118, Bucks 113: In 41 minutes Thomas made 10 of 19 shots, and guided the Detroit offense. The Pistons also got 15 points from rookie Kelly Tripucka, another first-round pick, and 20 by Phil Hubbard. Dicky Moucrif had 22 for Milwaukee.



Julius Erving

Jazz 105, Mavericks 89: Utah fought back from a deficit as Adrian Dantley, the NBA's leading scorer last season, hit for 39 points. Dantley had 19 points in the opening half and 20 in the second half.

Knicks 103, Nets 99: Maurice Lucas, who was traded Sunday from New Jersey to New York, haunted his old teammates with 25 points and 12 rebounds. He sank two free throws with 26 seconds left for the decisive points. Lucas had been fouled by Williams, who took Lucas' place at power forward with the Nets.

Spurs 113, Kings 102: Gervin had 18 of his game-high 35 points in the second quarter, including a string of eight straight points. But the Kings erased all but eight points of a 24-point deficit by outscoring San Antonio 22-6 in a 5 1/2-minute span of the fourth quarter before Spurs guard Johnny Moore put in seven straight points to clinch it.

Rockets 113, Lakers 112: Malone's layup

with one second remaining in the second overtime period gave Houston the victory in a fight-marred game. Malone hit eight seconds after the Lakers lost the ball on an inbound pass. Los Angeles' Earvin "Magic" Johnson forced the first Ot with a desperation shot of about 44 feet (13-m) with 11 seconds left.

The fight erupted with 4:44 left in the third quarter as Houston guard Calvin Murphy squared off with Los Angeles guard Norm Nixon. Both connected with punches to the head and were ejected. Abdul-Jabbar led the Lakers with 33 points while Johnson and Jamaal Wilkes added 27 each.

76ers 128, Cavaliers 104: Philadelphia built a 14-point halftime edge and coasted. Maurice Cheeks helped Erving by scoring 18 points.

Celtics 124, Bullets 100: Boston, in its typical style, spread the points around with five players in double figures. Aside from Parish and Bird, Cedric Maxwell had 17, Kevin McHale 15 and Chris Ford 13. Ody Ballard scored 21 points for Washington.

Pacers 96, Bulls 94: Indiana won it with four seconds to go when Mike Bantom's layup pass intended for Pacers center Herb Williams was deflected into the basket by Chicago guard Rickey Sobers. Billy Knight had 20 points paced Indiana, while Artis Gilmore had 25 for the Bulls.

Trail Blazers 103, Suns 95: Mychal Thompson scored 24 points and Mike Harper added 20 and 10 rebounds for Portland. Kyle Macy topped Phoenix with 24 points and Truck Robinson had 22 and 18 rebounds.

## Mori keeps lead

KAMPPO, Japan, Oct. 31 (AP) — Japan's veteran pro Kenji Mori shot a one-under-par 69 for a one-under-par 209 total and maintained a one-stroke lead after the third round Saturday in the 50 million yen (\$213,000) Japan Open Golf Tournament. Japan's top pro Isao Aoki shot a three-under-par 67 for an even-par 210 total.

## Salonen claims Marlboro rally

ABIDJAN, Oct. 31 (Agencies) — Timo Salonen and Seppo Harjanne of Finland Saturday won the Marlboro Ivory Coast Rally in their Datsun 160.

At the end of the third stage, Friday, Salonen had a lead of 50 minutes in penalty time over Kenyan veterans Shekhar Mehta and Mike Doughty in another Datsun.

The 1,646 stage was considered the most difficult of the whole rally, particularly a 600 kilometer night run through the Tai forest. Swede Per Eklund, teamed with R. Spjuth in a Toyota, had been second at the start of the stage but rolled his car, losing time which put him third behind Mehta.

## UEFA bans 2 players

ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct. 31 (R) — The European Football Union (UEFA) Friday banned two players of the Northern Irish champions, Glentoran, for three UEFA matches for bad behavior in a European Cup second round match earlier this month.

The disciplinary committee said one player, Alan Harris insisted the referee and the other, Robert Strain, made unsporting gestures to the crowd in the first leg against Cska Sofia in Bulgaria. Cska won 2-0.

The Italians champions, Juventus, were fined 8,000 francs (about \$4,300 dollars) because supporters set off fireworks in the European Cup match against Anderlecht in Brussels on the same day — October 21. Anderlecht won 3-1.

# Unseeded Van Patten ousts McEnroe

TOKYO, Oct. 31 (Agencies) — Top-seeded John McEnroe, the Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, was a surprise semifinal victim to unseeded American Vince Van Patten who beat him 6-3, 7-5 in the \$300,000-Seiko Super Tennis Tournament here Saturday.

Van Patten, 24, a part-time movie actor, ranked only 82 on the ATP standings started the season with recurring flu and recently pulled his right shoulder muscles. But he played well enough Saturday to pull off the best win of his career.

He clashes in the final with Australian Mark Edmondson who ousted Heinz Günthard of Switzerland 7-6, 6-4 in the other semifinal on the fast, artificial court at the Yoyogi Olympic Stadium.

Van Patten, whose previous best performance this season was a second-round victory in the U.S. Professional Championship in Boston last July said afterwards that he had served and volleyed well. He served down three aces against three double faults to an erratic seven of each from McEnroe.

Van Patten said, "McEnroe was in good shape. But I was in better condition." He said he really wanted to win the first-prize money of \$55,000 his first tournament victory this season.

McEnroe said, "he played well. My feet were heavy."

Earlier in the day, the Men's International Professional Tennis Council fined 22-year-old McEnroe \$750 for insulting Bill Scanlon during their quarter-final match Friday. He

## Noah gets past Nastase

In the second set, Van Patten broke McEnroe's serve in the second game but dropped his own in the fifth game. McEnroe double-faulted when he was down 30-40 in the 12th game and went down 5-7. The match took an hour and a half.

Edmondson got off to a slow start dropping serve in the third game of the first set, broke back for a 2-2 draw in the fourth game and fought neck and neck before winning the tie-break 7-4.

In the second set, Günthard broke Edmondson's serve in the fourth game but dropped his in the fifth game. Edmondson smashed in a lob at match point in the ninth game.

Meanwhile, top seed Yannick Noah of France squeezed through his quarterfinal match against Ilie Nastase of Romania in the Crocodile Open Grand Prix event in Paris Friday night 2-6, 7-6, 7-5.

In the other three quarterfinal matches, Mark Vines of the United States defeated Richard Lewis of Britain 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Pascal Portes of France, who was seeded seventh, swept aside fellow countryman Jerome Potier 6-1, 6-0; and fifth seed Stan Smith of the United States just tilted a marathon encounter to victory against second seed and holder of the title American Brian Gottfried, 7-6, 7-6, 15-13.

Noah now meets Vines for a first ever final berth in his home city of Paris and Portes will measure up against Smith in Saturday's semifinals.

Van Patten broke McEnroe's service in the opening game but double-faulted in the fourth game to tie the score 2-2. Van Patten broke McEnroe's serve twice more to take the set.

John McEnroe

had already been fined \$750 for shouting at tournament supervisor Bill Gillmour of Australia when the umpire failed to call serve of his opponent, Tsuyoshi Fukui of Japan, during their second encounter two days ago.

Van Patten, whose latest movie appearance was in a horror piece, "Hell Night", with Linda Blair of the "Exorcist" fame, joked that his next goal would be Wimbledon.

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# Greg, Kent in breezy stand

BRISBANE, Oct. 31 (AFP) — Queensland's Test batsmen Greg Chappell (162) and Martin Kent (91) issued their warning to the Pakistan touring team for the three-Test series ahead this summer with a partnership of 192 in 160 minutes at the Brisbane Cricket ground Saturday.

In an explosive hour after lunch, Chappell and Kent put on exactly 100 runs. It was Chappell's 66th first class century and his 19th hundred for his adopted state since his move from South Australia.

Chappell's form has been mediocre this summer, but the challenge of his clash with the Pakistanis brought out the best in the champion, who is striving to regain the Test captaincy from Kim Hughes.

In all, Chappell hit two sixes, one of which hit a top hoarding of the Clem Jones stand and 20 boundaries in a four hour innings before off-spinner Majid Khan held a stinging knee high return catch soon after tea on the second day of the four day game.

Chappell took Queensland's first innings to within sight of Pakistan's score of 328 and then the Queenslanders took a first innings lead in the last session of the day's play. At

close Queensland were 375 for five.

Kent's effort was a mixture of good and ordinary. The tall opener drove magnificently, but he also gave chances at 55 and 60 and was fortunate not to be held twice early in his innings when he edged deliveries close to his leg-stump.

Kent and Chappell took 20 runs from one over by Sarfraz Nawaz, but the tall paceman bowled better in his first appearance of the tour as the day went on, cutting the ball back awkwardly on several occasions to the Queenslanders.

Sarfraz eventually captured the wicket of Kent when the Test batsman was in sight of a century, inducing a catch at the wicket to Wasim Bari.

Kent hooked a six behind square-leg and on-drove onto the greyhound track as well as producing some beautiful drives for his 13 boundaries in an innings of 196 minutes.

Brief scorers: Pakistan 328, Queensland 375 for five (M. Kent 91, G. Chappell 162, G. Ritchie 44, T. Hohns 32; Sarfraz 1 for 74, Sikander 1 for 43, Qasim 1 for 76, Majid 1 for 65).

# U.S. bags World Bridge title

PORT CHESTER, New York Oct. 31 (AP) — The United States won the World Contract Bridge Team Championship here Friday after 11 days of play, successfully defending the Bermuda Bowl title it won two years ago in Rio de Janeiro.

The other major title, for the Women's World Team Championship, was won Thursday night by Britain.

The final match was almost exactly even in Thursday's play for the first 48 of the scheduled 96 deals. But the Americans broke through in the night session and led by 53 points.

The faint hopes of the Pakistan supporters faded Friday afternoon when the Americans moved further ahead and led by 81 points, 207-126. The remaining deals were a virtual formality, and the final margin was 39 points, 271-182.

The end came for Pakistan on the 72nd deal. Munir Atiullah of Pakistan had to make a crucial lead against three-no-trump redou-

bled. If he had chosen a club, he would have defeated the contract by six tricks for a penalty of 2,200 and a gain of 20 points. In practice he misguessed by leading a spade, and the contract was made for a gain of 12 points to the Americans.

All of the American players were making their World Championship debuts. Jeff Meckstroth of Columbus, Ohio, a bridge professional, and Eric Rodwell of West Lafayette, Indiana, a graduate student in business, were the outstanding partnership of the tournament. They both are in their middle 20s. Bobby Levin, of Miami Beach, Florida, 23-year-old, became the youngest player ever to win any world bridge title.

The other American players were John Solodar, of New York, Russ Arnold, of Miami, Florida, and Bud Reinhold, of Highland Park, Illinois. Tom Sanders, of Nashville, Tennessee, was the non-playing captain.

# Tracy, Martina score easy wins

STUTTIGART, West Germany, Oct. 31 (AP) — Americans Tracy Austin and Martina Navratilova moved into the semifinals of a \$125,000 Grand Prix Tennis Tournament Friday with convincing victories.

Navratilova beat American Anne Smith 6-2, 6-2 and goes to the weekend semifinals against Sylvia Hanika of West Germany. Hanika defeated Jo Durie of Britain 6-1, 6-4. Austin beat Yugoslavia's Mima Jausovec 6-2, 6-1.

In Towson, Maryland, two 17-year-olds scored victories Friday night to advance into the semifinals of the \$50,000 First National Bank Tennis Classic.

Hometown favorite Andrea Lead defeated Bettina Bunge, 6-4, 6-2, and Susan Mascarin eliminated veteran Billie Jean King, 6-2, 6-4 to advance with top-seeded Andrea Jaeger and Betsy Nagelsen.

Earlier on the split program, Jaeger, the world's fourth-rated player, downed Anne White, 6-2, 6-2, and Nagelsen eliminated Leslie Allen 6-4, 6-2.

## BRIEFS

OAKLAND, (AP) — Lew Jenkins, who became lightweight boxing champion of the world in 1940, died here Friday after a long illness. He was 64.

LONDON, (AFP) — Boxing promoter Mike Barrett is claiming damages from Spanish boxer Jose Pacheco who has pulled out of Tuesday's Albert Hall fight with former European champion, Dave Green.

COLOGNE, (AP) — American Sandy Mayer defeated countryman Tim Wilkinson 6-2, 6-4, and Sam Giammalva of the United States downed South African Eddie Edwards 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 in quarterfinal matches of a \$75,000 Indoor Tennis Tournament Friday.

NEWPORT BEACH, California (AP) — Australians Mal Anderson and Frank Sedgman scored first-round victories Friday as the \$15,000 Almaden Grand Masters Tennis Tournament got underway at the John Wayne Tennis Club. Anderson defeated Sven Davidson, a former Swede now living in Los Angeles, 6-2, 6-4 while Sedgman topped Torben Ulrich of Denmark 6-2, 6-1.

# Reutemann to call it a day

BUENOS Aires, Oct. 31 — Argentine Formula One ace Carlos Reutemann is retiring from motor racing, the driver's representative, Domingo Cutulli, said here Friday.

The 39 year-old Reutemann had the 1981 World Championship snatched from him by Brazil's Nelson Piquet when he failed to score in the last Grand Prix of the season at Las Vegas on Oct. 17.

Reutemann, the most experienced driver on the grid this year, had an uneasy relationship with former champion Alan Jones of Australia in the Williams team and lost the world title by one point. Jones had earlier announced his own retirement but after winning the Las Vegas event he said he would reconsider his future.

Cutulli made the announcement from the Argentine Automobile Club's premises.

The Argentine press blamed team leader Williams and Jones for Reutemann's failure to win this year's World Championship, neglecting the fact that Reutemann, as No. 2 driver, had not given priority to Jones in key races.

Reutemann originally said he would only stay with Williams next year if Jones kept to his word and retired and he made the No. 1 driver, but he told Cutulli this afternoon he no longer wished to continue.

Reutemann made his debut in the 1972 Argentine Grand Prix and drove successfully for Brabham, Lotus, Ferrari and Wil-



Carlos Reutemann

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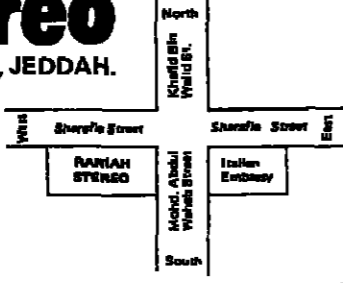
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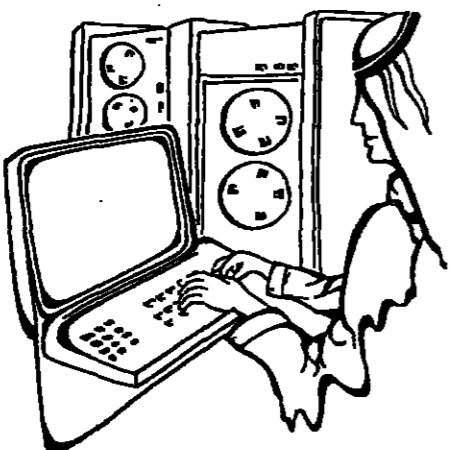


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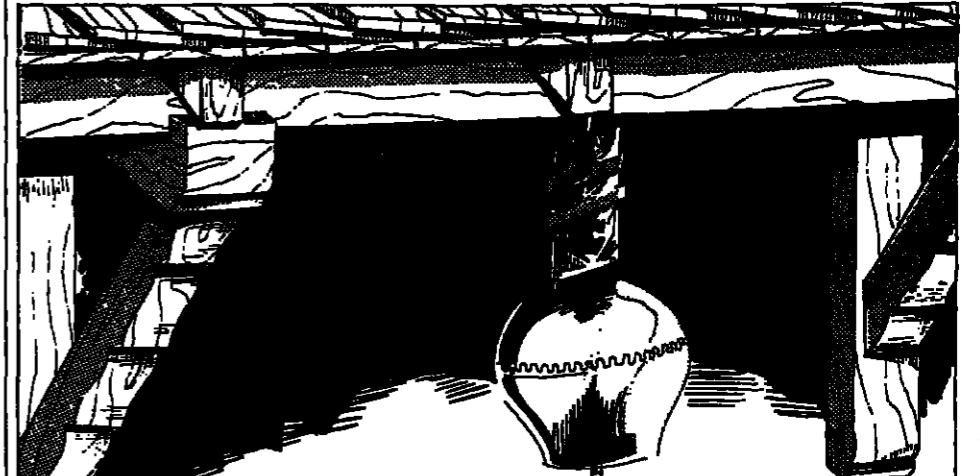
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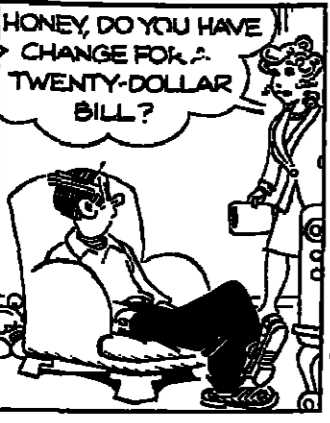
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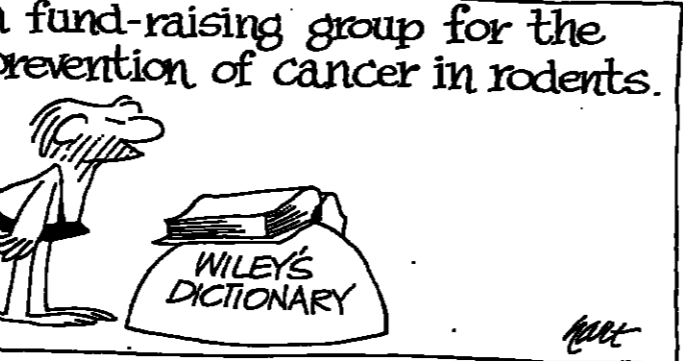
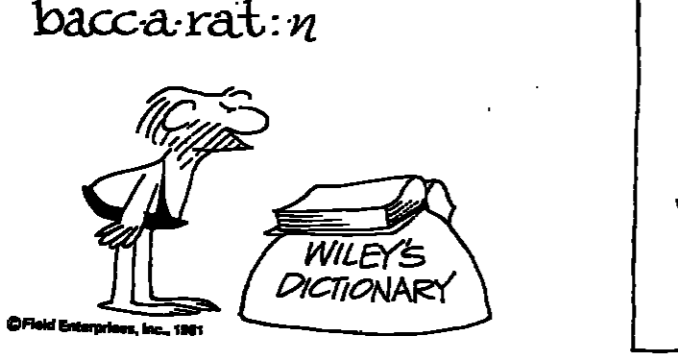
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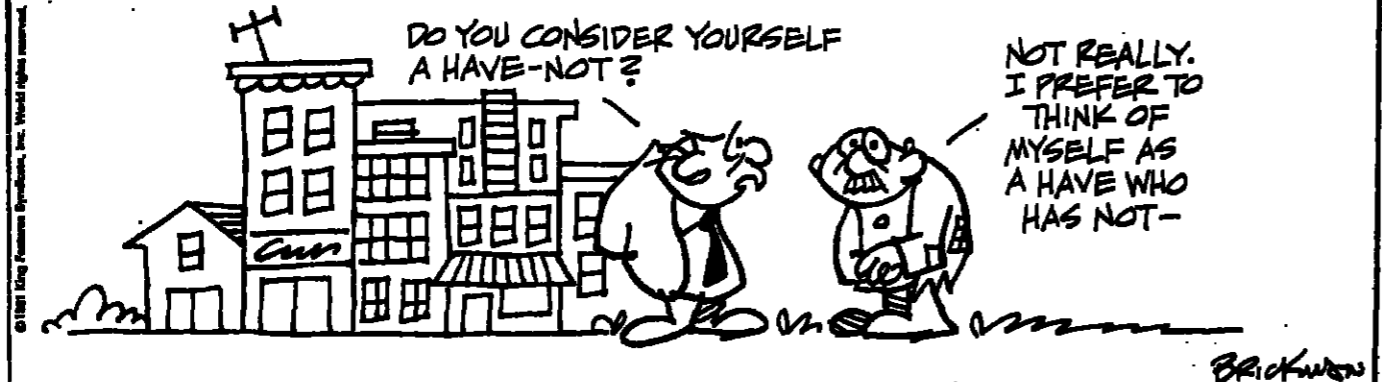
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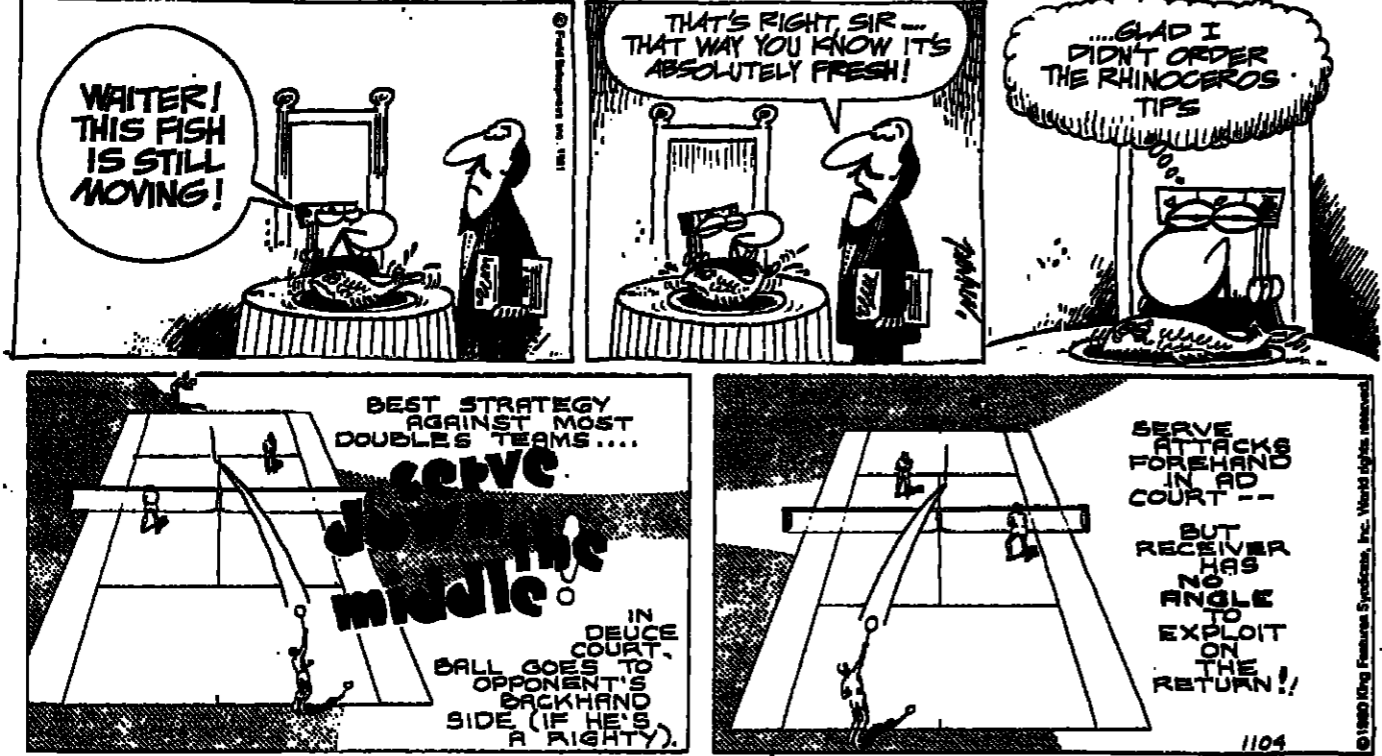
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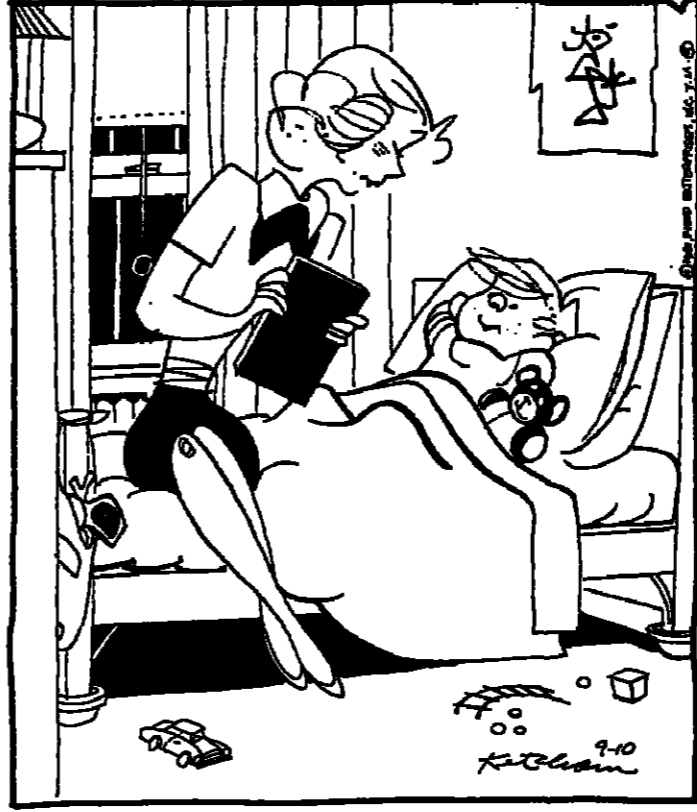
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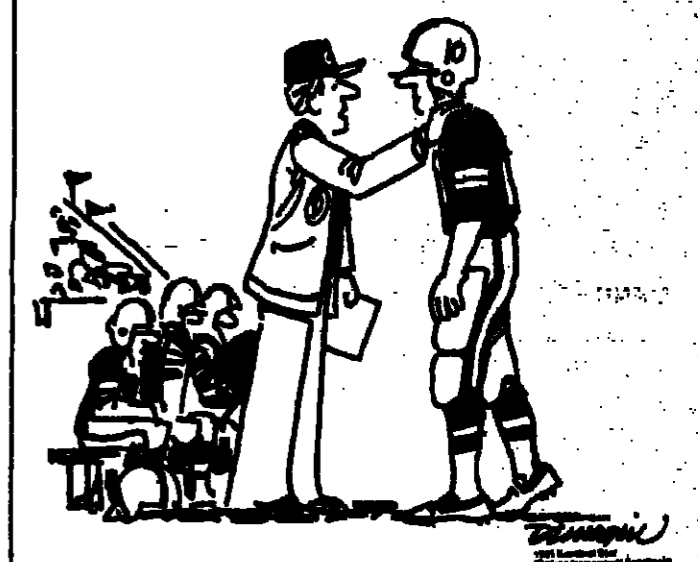
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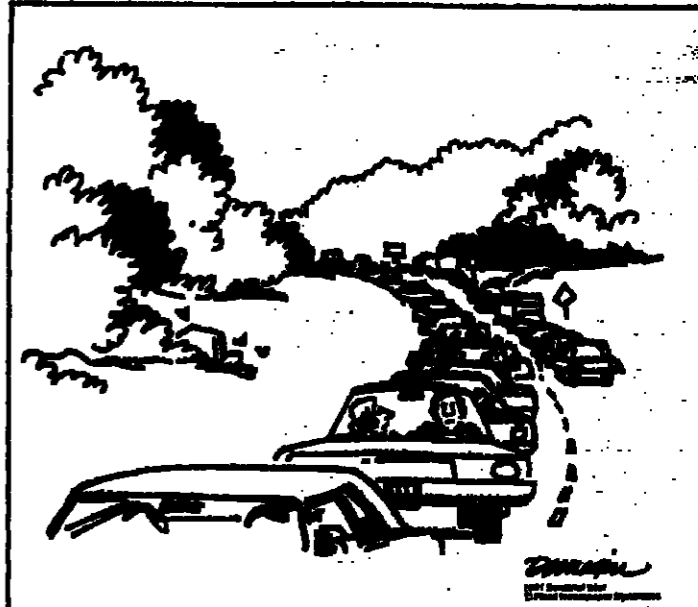
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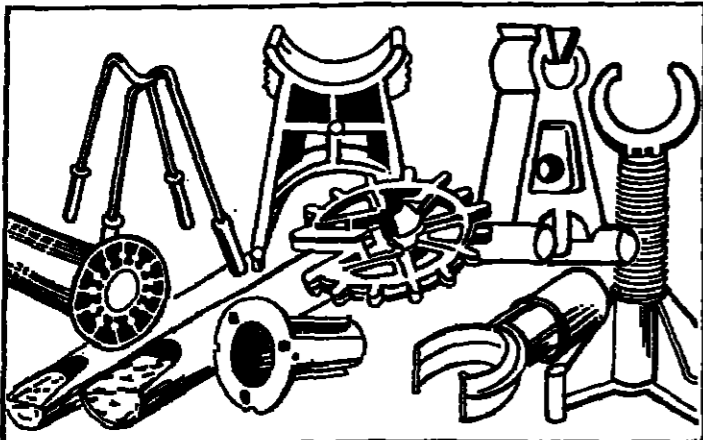
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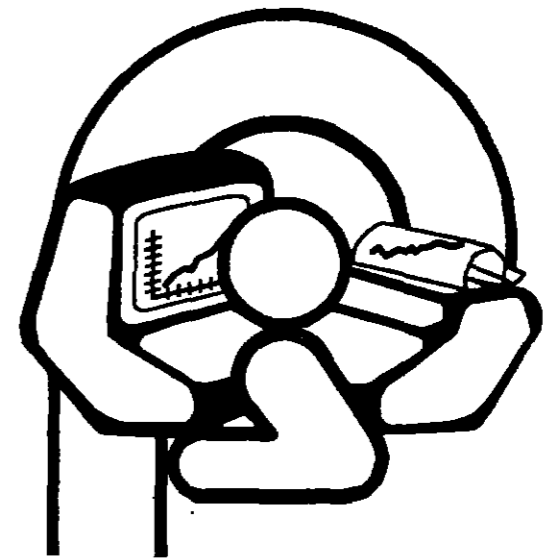
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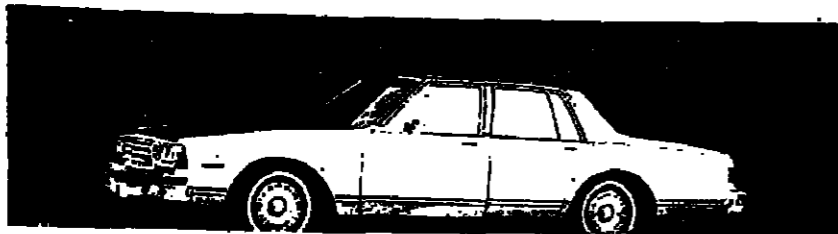
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## Parliament threatens emergency

# Poland calls halt to strikes

WARSAW, Oct. 31 (R) — Poland's parliament Saturday unanimously called for an immediate end to strikes and warned that if it was not heeded it would consider giving the government emergency powers.

It said in a resolution the strikes were crippling the country and had to be stopped to ensure the provision of basic supplies. The parliament welcomed a call by leaders of the free trade union Solidarity for a halt to wild-cat strikes.

If strikes continued, the parliamentary resolution said, "and a state of higher emergency for the nation's existence arises, the Sejm (parliament) will consider a proposal to equip the government with such legal means as are required by the situation."

Communist Party leader Wojciech Jaruzelski Friday conveyed to the Sejm a draft bill containing "extraordinary measures to protect citizens' and state interests" and said he would demand its enactment if strikes were not halted. But Solidarity activists in several regions said strikes there were continuing.

In Zielona Gora province, where farm workers are demanding the sacking of a Communist manager, a union official said they were waiting for an initiative from the authorities. A visit by solidarity leader Lech Walesa Friday had not altered the situation, he added.

Textile workers in Zyrardow, on a sit-in strike for the past 19 days, and in nearby Skiernewice, were continuing talks with govern-

ment negotiators. But local strike committee member Jan Zak said: "The parliament doesn't have the right to dictate to us. There is no point in bottling these grievances up."

Solidarity's national presidium in Gdansk Thursday issued a call to members to stop uncontrolled local protest actions. It said such strikes were destructive to the union's support in the country and could lead to "Solidarity becoming an empty word."

The union's national commission will meet in Gdansk Tuesday to consider imposing internal limitations on calling strikes and disciplinary measures against those who break them. Spokesman Marek Brunne has said Walesa might resign if the commission failed to take this step.

At the suggestion of Karol Malcuzynski, a non-party Sejm member, the parliamentary resolution included an amendment welcoming the Solidarity presidium's criticism of uncontrolled strikes. But words referring to the union move as "a step in the same direction" were dropped after Ryszard Wojna, a leading Communist press commentator and Sejm deputy, insisted some of Solidarity's leaders were not going in the same direction as the government.

The Sejm also approved government changes announced Friday by Jaruzelski. The most significant of these was the appointment of Edward Kowalczyk, leader of the small, Communist-allied Democratic Party, as a deputy prime minister.

Jaruzelski Friday also proposed the estab-

ishment of a council of national agreement in which trade unions and non-Communists could play a greater role in government. In Saturday's debate Mieczyslaw Starucha of the Catholic group Pax said any coalition would have to contain differing opinions, for "if views were not differing but uniform, then no such coalition would be needed."

Jaruzelski did not specify what measures the government might consider, but informed sources here have said a ban on strikes could be followed by a declaration of a state of emergency if it were breached.

In his speech to the Sejm Jaruzelski proposed the creation of a council of national agreement with the trade unions and church playing a more active role in government. But he made no direct offer to solidarity. The general, who now holds the office of prime minister and defense minister as well as Communist party chief, said Poles would soon have to pay more for petrol and alcohol. But pensions and minimum salaries would also be increased. He said Poland was short of essential foreign currency.

Jaruzelski said the government would crack down on blackmarket operators and speculators whose activities he said were flourishing at the expense of the poorest consumers. He said it was a sign of the friendship and trust of the Soviet Union that it was delivering some 30 million tons of meat to Poland despite the fact that Poland had hardly met two-thirds of its export obligations to Moscow this year.

# Kidnappers keep body in freezer, get ransom

ROME, Oct. 31 (AP) — The kidnappers of an 80-year-old coffee industrialist kept his body in a freezer for nearly three months to extract money from his family, police sources said Saturday.

Giovanni Palombini's body was discovered Wednesday buried under a tree outside the village of Vacantone, 40 kms south of Rome.

Palombini's family paid a ransom of 400 million lire (\$360,000) two months ago after receiving photographs of Palombini "showing that he was still alive," police said. An autopsy showed, however, that Palombini, snatched by six persons in front of his home April 17, has been dead at least three months. Police said he was shot three times in the chest.

Police said the kidnappers apparently pulled Palombini's body out of the freezer and "made him up" for the picture-taking. The picture showed Palombini sitting in a chair, wearing dark sunglasses and holding a newspaper, police said. The picture was not made available to news media.

Police have discovered the freezer in a villa, on the sea coast south of Ajre, used as a hideout by the abductors. Police said Palombini's body was covered with salt and pepper, apparently to preserve and reduce the stench.

Police dug up Palombini's corpse, long after the gang extracted the ransom money from the family, after receiving tips from a 13-year-old girl was rescued from her kidnappers last week.

Mirra Corsetti, the young daughter of a millionaire Rome restaurateur, had been held by the same people who police believe also killed Palombini. In her "prison," police recovered some of the marked bank notes Palombini's family paid to the kidnappers.

Police also seized papers showing the abductors' plan to kidnap another person, 43-year-old Italian actress Irma Lisi.

They included De Santis, who had been sought for the killing of a policeman in a post office robbery several years ago. De Santis, who had twice escaped from Rome prisons, claimed that he had "sold alive" Palombini to a group of kidnappers, police sources said.

De Santis and the other five were not immediately charged in connection with the murder of Palombini, who owned a coffee factory and several coffee shops in Rome.

Since 1972 at least 380 persons have been snatched by ransom-seeking kidnappers in Italy. Many are released after payment of large sums, but 18 bodies have been recovered.

## Thais search homes of 2 former colonels

BANGKOK, Oct. 31 (R) — Thai troops, on full military alert after rumors of a possible coup, Saturday searched the homes of two ex-army officers who were involved in an attempted takeover last April.

Heavily armed soldiers accompanied by police conducted the searches at the homes of former colonels, Prachak Sawangchit and Mandon Roopakachorn, but left without finding any weapons, family members said.

The security moves followed rumors of a fresh coup attempt after bomb explosions injured two office workers in government buildings Wednesday. The army commander in chief, Gen. Prayuth Charumane, Friday night denied the rumors.

## Ties breakup Jamaican action dubbed anti-Cuba

MIAMI, Florida, Oct. 31 (AP) — The Cuban Foreign Ministry says Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga was "only following orders received from the United States government" in breaking diplomatic relations with Cuba, Havana radio reported.

The ministry also called the break "another step in the aggressive anti-Cuban strategy of the Yankee imperialist government," according to the broadcast, "monitored in Miami."

Jamaica unexpectedly broke off relations Thursday, accusing Cuban President Fidel Castro of "an international disgrace" in harboring Jamaican fugitives. Jamaica ordered Cuba to close its embassy in Kingston and gave Cuban diplomatic personnel 48 hours to get out.

"This drastic, unjustified action interrupts all the official ties that have been progressing between both countries since 1972," the broadcast quoted the Cuban Foreign Ministry as saying. "Seaga will be responsible before the Latin American nations for this deplorable, unjustified act."

According to the broadcast, the ministry also said Cuba has helped Jamaica for more than eight years in education and health "in a spirit of solidarity between the two Caribbean neighbor countries."

But Seaga "has set himself as the most outspoken critic of Cuba as the spokesman of Yankee imperialism in the Caribbean," the broadcast said.

Former Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley established close ties with the Cuban government and allowed Castro to send teachers, doctors and engineers to the island to help replace trained Jamaicans who fled Manley's socialist tendencies.

# Nicaraguan hijackers, released prisoners held

SAN SALVADOR, Oct. 31 (AP) — Five right-wing Nicaraguans who hijacked a Costa Rican plane and gained the release of six imprisoned comrades in exchange for the plane's hostage-passengers were arrested Friday when the craft landed at a Salvadoran airport.

The six former prisoners, freed by Costa Rica to save 20 threatened passengers and three crew members, also were arrested when the plane landed at a rural airstrip near San Miguel, 111 miles southeast of San Salvador. Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia said. All of the passengers and a stewardess were released when the six freed prisoners boarded the plane after all-night negotiations at the airport at San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica.

The pilot and co-pilot of the Costa Rican twin-engine Aviocar were permitted to fly the plane back to San Jose after the hijackers and the six former prisoners were arrested. Garcia said. The hijackers had seized control of the plane at midday Thursday while it was on a domestic flight.

"Out of consideration for the Costa Rican government, and to avoid any type of difficulty with our friends in Costa Rica, we decided to allow the hijacked plane to leave," he said.

Orders to block the aircraft and arrest the hijackers were issued when the plane was seen coming in for a landing at San Miguel, said Garcia, an army colonel and vice president of the U.S.-backed junta.

Costa Rican President Rodrigo Carazo issued a brief statement in San Jose saying his government would seek extradition of the hijackers and freed prisoners. He said he received news of the arrests in a telephone call from Jose Napoleon Duarte, the president of El Salvador's civilian-military junta.

Vowing to save Nicaragua from communism, the heavily armed hijackers — three men and two women — and threatened to shoot 20 passengers and three crew members one-by-one unless Costa Rica released the six imprisoned Nicaraguans and a Costa Rican man, government officials and released hostages said. Presidential spokesman Jose Rafael Cordero said the jailed Costa Rican did not want to leave the country and remained in prison.

Freed hostages said the young hijackers drew pistols and assembled a machine gun after taking control of the plane Thursday shortly after takeoff from Puerto Quepos on a scheduled 172-mile flight to San Jose.

The hijackers freed a woman and her two children and an ailing Costa Rican man when the airliner touched down at San Jose, officials said.

After all-night negotiations, broken twice by gunfire, the government exchanged the remaining 20 passengers — including three Americans, two Britons and a Swede — and a stewardess for the six Nicaraguans, who were being held in connection with the January

bombing of a leftist radio station, officials said.

Cordero said the hijackers, who called themselves the "International Nicaraguan Salvation from communism," were supporters of former Nicaraguan ruler Anastasio Somoza, ousted in July 1979 by Sandinista guerrillas and assassinated in Paraguay last year.

## Soviets seize Japanese boat

TOKYO, Oct. 31 (AP) — Five Japanese fishermen and their boat operating off Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido were seized by a Soviet patrol vessel Friday, the Maritime Safety Agency said Saturday.

The crew of the 18.7-ton No. 18 *Kiyoshio Mary* were fishing for flatfish some 10 kms off the disputed island of Kunashiri when the seizure took place, the agency reported.

The boat is based at Rausu town on the eastern tip of Hokkaido. Maritime officials said a sister ship reported the seizure of the No. 18 *Kiyoshio* after its radar screen showed that the vessel had disappeared into Soviet territorial waters.

Kunashiri is one of the groups of Soviet-occupied islands claimed by both Japan and the Soviet Union since the end of World War II. The Japanese have called for the return of the islands prior to peace treaty negotiations, but the Soviets refuse to discuss the islands, saying no territorial issues exist. The Maritime Safety Agency said 16 Japanese fishing boats with 181 men aboard have been seized by the Soviet Union this year.

## Remark said insulting to Russians

WARSAW, Oct. 31 (AFP) — The speaker of the Polish parliament, Stanislaw Gucwa, Saturday read out a letter from 19 deputies expressing indignation over reported remarks by the head of the Szczecin branch of the independent trade union federation Solidarity, Marian Jurczyk.

The deputies said the remarks by Jurczyk, runner-up to Lech Walesa during the recent election for leadership of Solidarity, were insulting to the Soviet Union and the Polish government. Gucwa, who said he shared the deputies' indignation, made no direct reference to the remarks, reported to have been uttered by Jurczyk during last Wednesday's one-hour strike.

According to the news media, Jurczyk said that the parliament and cabinet were "traitors to Poland." He was reported to have said: "The time for sweet talk is over. They can scream all they like, but (Prime Minister Wojciech) Jaruzelski will never be able to put a soldier behind every Polish worker."

He is also reported to have described the Soviet Union as "an artificial friend of Poland," adding that the active strike — control of production and distribution — advocated recently by Solidarity as a new form of action, would aim at "preventing Polish goods from going to the Soviet Union." "The whole world respects us," he was quoted as saying, "and for that reason the Soviet Union should respect us all the more."

He was also reported to have demanded punishment for those responsible for the bloody suppression of the popular revolts of 1956 and 1970, saying, perhaps scathingly, that they will be built for some of them."

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# Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

I have been to America several times, and for reasonable lengths. I ought to be someone who could turn to you and say, well, sir, it would benefit you to listen to my views on the U.S. of A. I've been there and can tell a thing or two which will clarify the issues you have raised.

But the fact is I can't really say this. What I know of America is confused and is apt to be confusing; and I think this because the subject itself is confused. A land of contrasts, and with a vengeance.

How so? Well, let me tell you a story — firsthand. Now you know of crime in America, where people stay inside at night behind locked doors, where the police themselves say they can no longer cope, that they are under siege and that only GOD knows how things will turn out...

You'd think that, this being the case, the police have no time for minor offenses, that they are busy enough chasing those drug-pushers who approach people openly, in daytime, with their wares — but no. Everything is done "by the book" as they say, so that a minor motoring offense gets the same amount of time and attention as any serious crime.

Now you'll see why yours truly is confused about this. For it happened that, a long time ago, I was driving in a rented car through the great state of Texas — me being in the States on a passing visit. In a village whose name I didn't even notice, I parked my car and went to a shop to buy some provisions.

I came back five minutes later and found a parking ticket to the value of \$25

stuck on the car. I looked at it and then thought — perhaps unworthily, I'll be the first to admit — that here I was, a bird of passage, in a rented car, in an area so remote that I might never visit again. So why not just forget about the ticket...

And that's what I did. But they didn't. For I left for Europe where I stayed for months and then came back to the States. And there, the incident completely forgotten, I was sitting one evening in my flat, when the police arrived. Two officers armed and ready for action...

While it wouldn't do now to exaggerate the encounter — they certainly didn't stand outside shouting "come out with your hands up," for me to cackle back demurely, in the traditional manner, "come and get me, copper!" — the thing was dramatic enough.

I was told that I have been caught by their computer and that I have choice: pay a double fine of \$50 or go with them to jail. I paid of course, and they went.

And then I sat there trying to imagine what it cost them to find me and make me pay for my crime. The computer hours, the link-ups, the long-distance phone calls and telexes, the forms to be filled (all in triplicate at least) and filed and sent back and forth to and from Texas... And all this while the nation's great cities were being mugged, doped held-up and arsons by all kinds of criminals...

You'll say I deserved what I got as I should have paid up from the start. I'm now inclined to share your view. Crime doesn't pay in this case — whatever the outcome in other cases...

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

## Police stand vigil

# U.S. prisoners held hostage

GRATERFORD, Pennsylvania, Oct. 31 (AP) — Flak-jacketed police stood vigil Saturday at Pennsylvania's largest prison, where a convicted murderer and three fellow inmates held 38 persons hostage for a third day.

The hostages were reported in good health. Negotiations with the inmates were at a stalemate and there was no indication when an end would come to the siege that began after the four botched an escape attempt Wednesday night, a prison spokesman said.

"We've been in contact with the hostages, they are in good health," Martin Dragovich, an assistant to prison superintendent Julius Cuyler, told reporters.

He said it was "watchful waiting" in the kitchen area at the state correctional institution where the hostages — three guards, three kitchen workers and 32 inmates — have been held and where a state trooper suffered a minor gunshot wound Thursday night. Prison officials identified the ringleader as Joseph Bowen, characterized by a judge who presided at one of his murder trials as a man "who would kill for sheer joy." Bowen is serving time for the murders of a policeman and a warden and assistant warden at another prison.

The 34-year-old convict has told prison officials he is considering surrender, but as the hours ticked by, the question remained when.

Dragovich said the captors have been assured that if they surrender peacefully they will be allowed safe passage to their cells. But he said the "bureau of prisons isn't guaranteeing any amnesty."

The captors were believed to be armed with at least one handgun, and also had access to kitchen utensils, including knives. It was not known how much food was on hand, but one law enforcement official, who requested anonymity, told a reporter: "They could hold in three for months."

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